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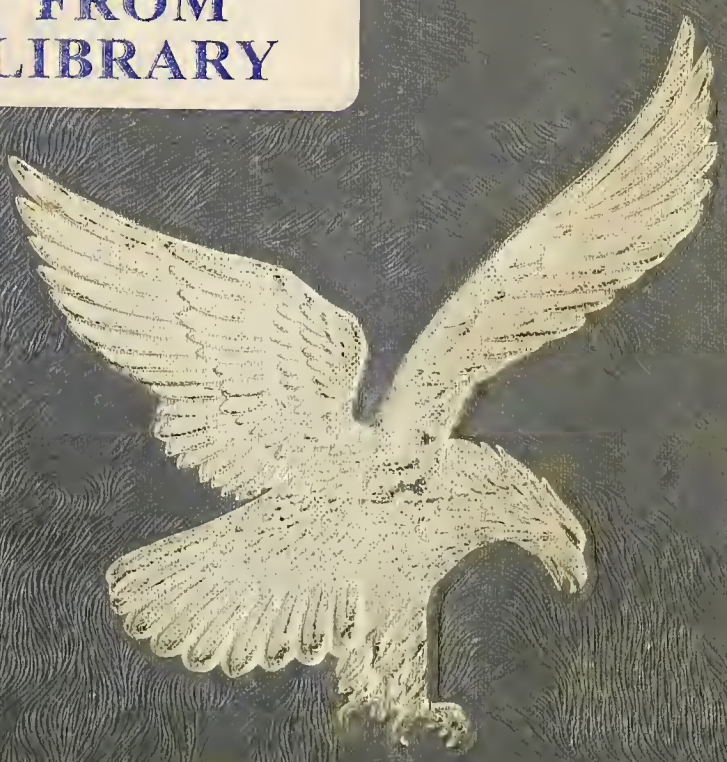

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I have enjoyed having you as an English teacher. May the best of everything be yours for ever.

Love
Glenda Cole

I have enjoyed being on your chain gang.
Good luck Billy

I had enjoyed being in your classes the past two years.
Sammy

I have enjoyed being one of your slaves. I pity the students who get you at the next school "teach"
Don T Walton

Lots of luck to the best English teacher I ever had.
Wanda Farrell

I have enjoyed being in your classes. I think you are a good teacher and a good man.
James Staley

Tom -
I have enjoyed being in your classes this year we have had many good times a Baker
Best of luck and love always
Grady Linda Carmen

THE NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE

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Presented by

The Students of

ALEXANDER WILSON SCHOOL

GRAHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Volume VI

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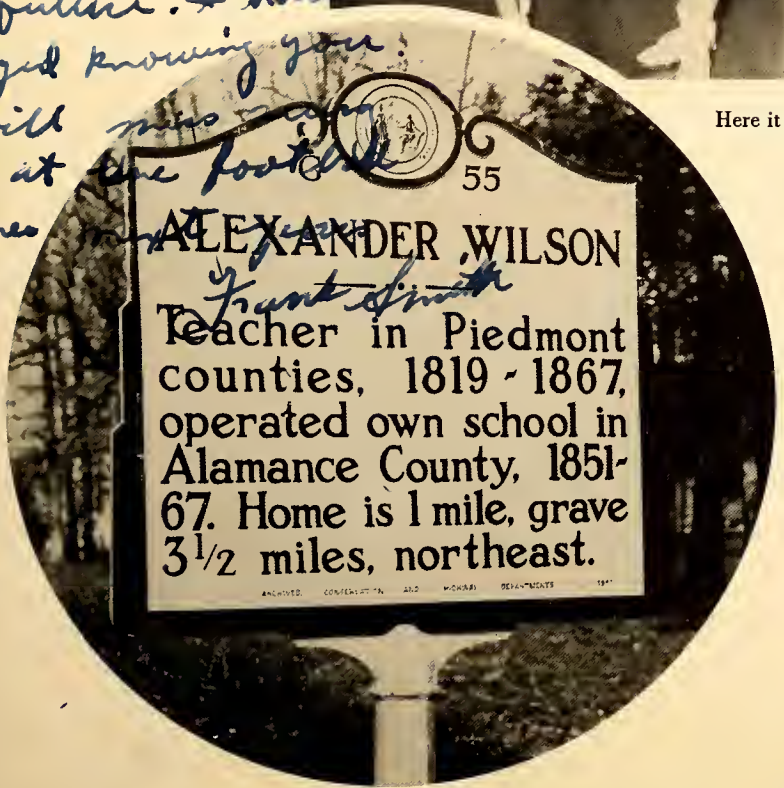

To the memory of whom our school stands as a memorial

Through words and pictures we have endeavored to enclose within the cover of this book, some of your most treasured school memories of administrators, teachers, and schoolmates as they have worked together in the classroom, in social activities and athletics. If this has been accomplished, then our efforts have not been in vain.

THE STAFF

Dedication

To one who has given many years of devoted and faithful service to the Alexander Wilson School, and who by her diligent and efficient efforts in meeting the responsibilities of teaching has left an enduring influence on the minds of the many who have passed through the school, and for the many contributions she has made to the school and community, the Senior Class and Wilsonian Staff gratefully dedicate this volume to Mrs. Althea Williams Burke.

Mr. Williams, this year you have been more to me as a friend than a teacher. I will remember everything you have said concering the actions and manners of people. You will stay in my list of favorites for a long time to come. Here's hoping you will find the ideal class someday.

always.
Dot W.

Dear Mr. Williams

I hope that you will study here at Sir school and I hope the best luck in the world

Your friend
Jannette Enoch

Mr. Williams
It has been very nice knowing and I listen to you for the past two years. Let me look to a real nice fellow for the remaining years.

(Professor)
Curtis Thompson

Mr. Williams
I have thoroughly enjoyed being in your classes this year. I think you are a very nice guy. Good luck always. I hope we will always be friends.

Your pal
Curtis

Tom,
Hope you'll be back
but doubtful. I have
enjoyed being in your
classes, and look
forward to when I might
again.

"Bobby Dilks"

Administration

To a wonderful teacher, I would like to say, I have certainly enjoyed being in your class. I will always remember what you have taught us. Best wishes, and God be with you always.

Your student,
Louise N.

Administration

School Board

Seated, left to right: Theodore R. Crawford, Ernest P. Webster, Sr., Woodrow W. Lambeth, Chairman; Arthur W. Holmes, Sr., James Alfred Crabtree.

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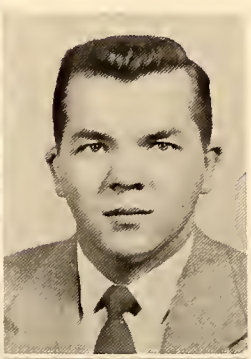

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B.S.S.A., Business

THOMAS M. WILLIAMS
A.B., Social Studies

Best of luck in the years to come to one of my teachers who I will never forget. Your friendship and guidance has meant so much to me. If everyone enjoys your classes as much as I did I'm sure you will be success at [illegible]

Judy Bowman

YOU

"Robed in Ermine!" The Alexander Wilson School was opened in January of 1924. For hundreds of boys and girls, its friendly walls hold fond memories of happy hours, cherished friendships, serious endeavor and lasting achievement.

The high school pupils look forward to assembly which is held on Friday morning. Various types of programs are given by students, faculty and guests. These feature classroom activities, community resources and other numbers of an educational and entertaining nature.

Mr. Williams,
I have enjoyed being a pupil
and a friend of yours and here
I hoping that you have friends
and success the rest of your life.
Bobby Moore

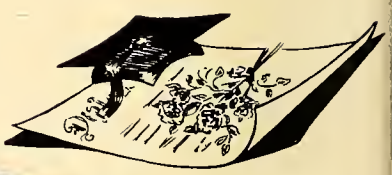
Mr. Williams,
I have enjoyed
being in your room
this year. Here's wishing that
you find success and happiness
wherever you go.
Billy Gunn

Mr. Williams,
I have enjoyed being in
your homeroom this year, and
also in your English class.
Best of luck wherever you go.
Carolyn Whitesell

Mr Williams
I hope you can come
back next year because you
are the best teacher I have
ever had. (out side of
mother, of course). I hope you
find luck in marriage,
and that you will get all
the luck that the world
has to offer..
a pal, (Bobby)
Bernard
McPherson

Classes

Seniors



BASON GUTHRIE
MARSHALL ATKINSON

"Remember this, that there is a proper dignity and proportion to be observed in the performance of every act of life."

THERMON CLARK
Mascot

CANDY PHILLIPS
Mascot

Officers

GEORGE STANFORD BASON	*President*
WILLIAM GILLMORE GUTHRIE	*Vice President*
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MARGARET ANN MARSHALL	*Treasurer*

MOTTO—*Not At The Top, But Climbing*

COLORS—Blue and Silver FLOWER—Pink Carnation

BILLIE ANN ATKINSON *"BILLIE"*

She is cheerful; she is sweet; she's the kind you'd like to meet . . . Route 1, Haw River, North Carolina . . . President 1, Secretary 4, Glee Club 4, President, Softball 1.

GEORGE STANFORD BASON, JR. *"GEORGE"*

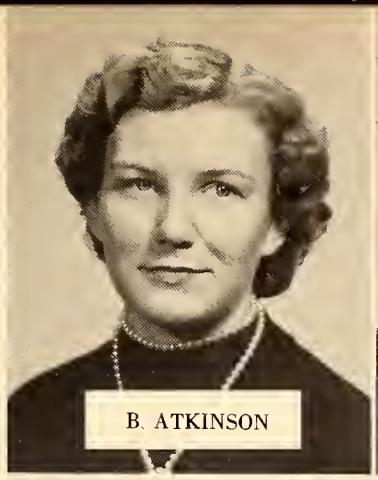
Not too serious, not too gay, but a rare good friend in every way . . . Swepsonville, North Carolina . . . Baseball 1, FFA Club 1, 2, Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, Social Council 4, Student Council 2, Treasurer, President 4, Dramatics 3, Most Likely to Succeed, Best All-Round.

JUDY STARR BOWMAN *"STARR"*

With beauty and brains anything can be accomplished . . . 700 S. Main St., Graham, North Carolina . . . Student Council 1, FHA Club 1, 2, 3, President, 4 Treasurer, State Historian, FHA Queen 3, Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, 4-H Club 1, FTA Club 3, 4, Parliamentarian, Social Council 4, Dramatics 2, President 3, Bus Drivers' Club 3, 4, Eagle Staff 4, Sports Editor, Wilsonian Staff 4, Associate Editor, Miss Alexander Wilson Court 3, 4, Class Statistician, Best Looking, Most Likely to Succeed.

NANCY JEANETTE BRADSHAW *"RED TOP"*

Happy, thoughtful, kind, and true, there is no favor she wouldn't do . . . 106 Pine St., Swepsonville, North Carolina . . . FHA Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Eagle Staff 4, Photographer.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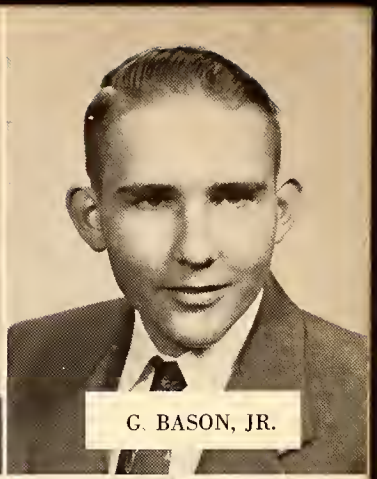
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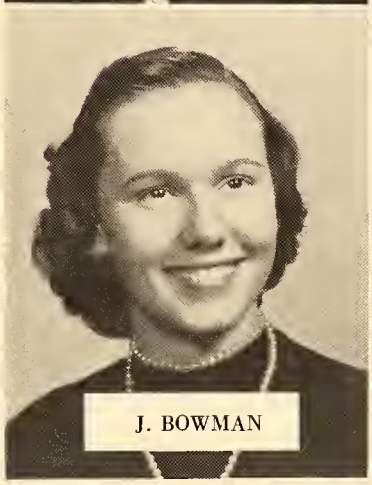
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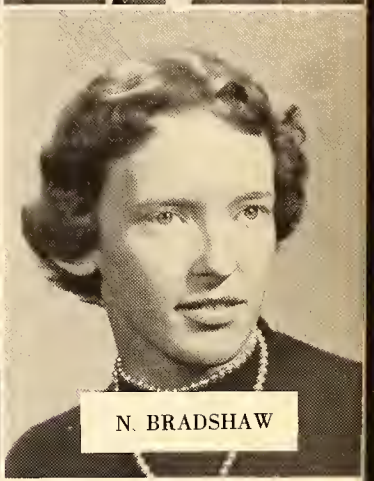
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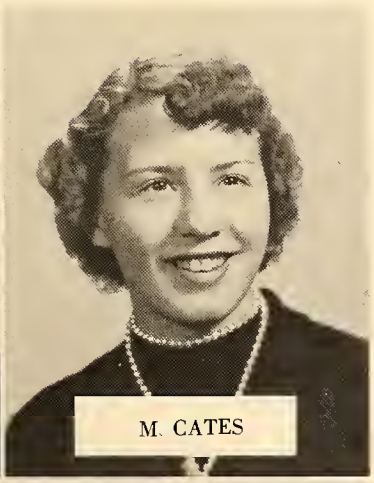
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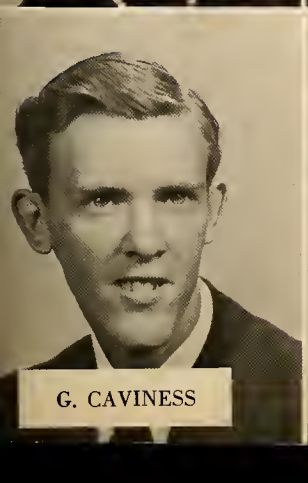
CAROLYN MARIE BURKE *"CAROL"*

Modest and Sweet . . . Route 1, Haw River, North Carolina . . . 4-H Club 1, FHA Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Glee Club 3.

MARY EVAN CATES *"MARY"*

What's life without some fun? . . . Swepsonville, North Carolina . . . Secretary 1, Vice President 3, Glee Club 3, 4, Marshal 2, 3, Softball 1, 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, Miss Alexander Wilson Court 3, 4.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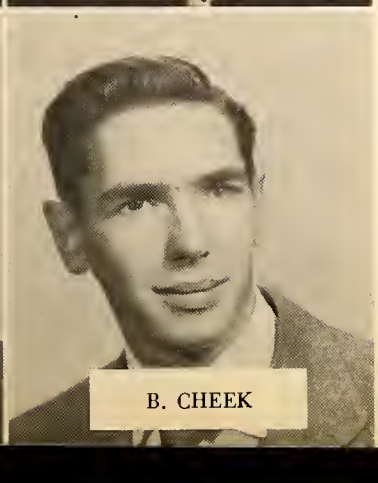
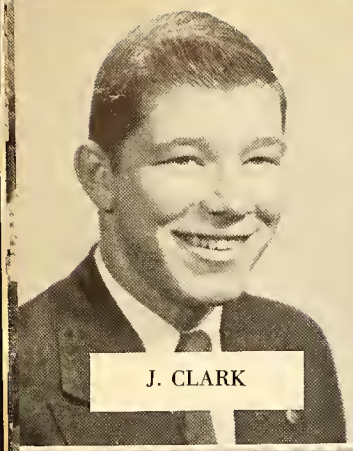

B. CHEEK

GRADY LINDO CAVINESS *"SLIPPERY FINGERS"*

Full of fun and fancy free . . . Route 1, Mebane, North Carolina . . . FFA Club 1, 2, 4, Treasurer, 4-H Club 1, Baseball 2, 3, 4, Football 4, Most Mischievous.

BILLY MAYNARD CHEEK *"CHEEK"*

Loyal hearted, strong of mind, a nobler fellow you'll never find . . . Swepsonville, North Carolina . . . Basketball 1, 2, 3, Football 2, 3, 4, 4-H Club 1, 2, Treasurer 2, Marshal 2, Student Council 3, Treasurer, President 4, Baseball 4, Wilsonian Staff 3, Eagle Staff 4, Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, Treasurer, FFA Club 2, 3, 4, Social Council 4, Dramatics 3, Most Popular.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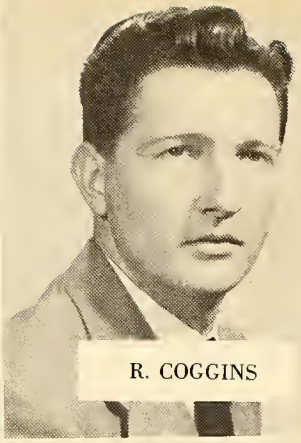
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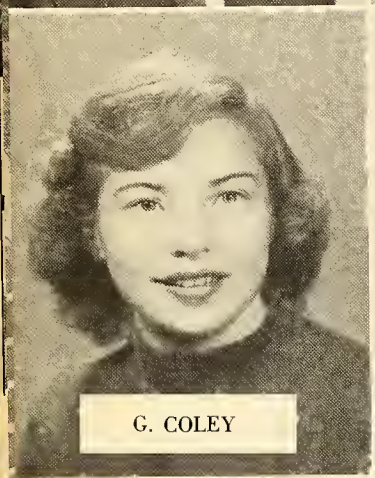
JIMMY FRANKLIN CLARK — *"CASANOVA"*

He's not so quiet if you know him . . . Route 1, Graham, North Carolina . . . FFA Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Bus Drivers' Club 3, 4, President 2, Treasurer 1.

ROBERT VANCE COGGINS — *"VANCE"*

Do your duty, and do it well, what more could anyone ask? . . . Swepsonville, North Carolina . . . Football 2, Monogram 3, Wilsonian Staff 4, Assistant Business Manager, Most Intellectual, Most Studious.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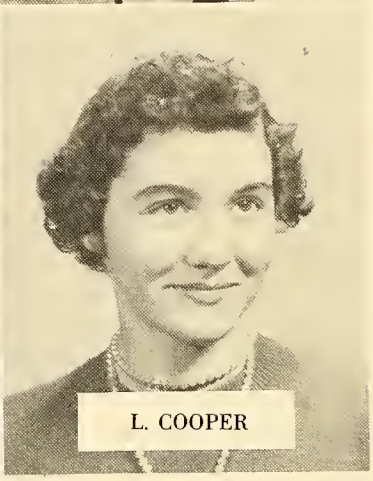

L. COOPER

GLORIA ANN COLEY — *"ANN"*

Better to be small and shine than to be big and cast a shadow . . . Route 2, Graham, North Carolina . . . FHA 1, 2, 3, Monogram Club 3, 4, 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, Basketball 1, 2, 4, Cheerleader 3, Class Reporter 1, Softball, Dramatics 1, Treasurer, Transfer from Fayetteville High School 4, Co-Captain Basketball.

LOUISE SCOTT COOPER — *"CRAZY LEGS"*

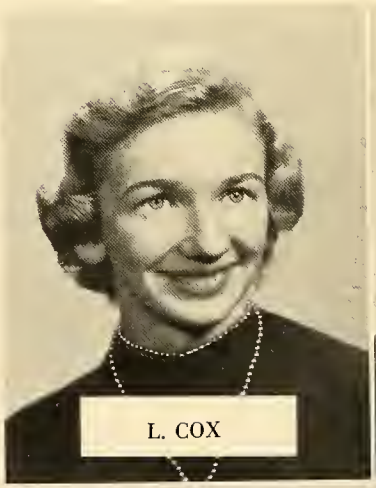
Politeness is real kindness, kindly expressed . . . Route 2, Graham, North Carolina . . . 4-H Club 1, 2, Song Leader 3, 4, FTA Club 2, 3, 4, Song Leader, FHA Club 1, Song Leader 2, 3, 4, Basketball 2, 3, 4, Monogram Club 3, 4.

LORANDA GAIL COX — *"GAIL"*

A loyal companion, an excellent friend, an earnest worker and loyal to the end . . . Route 2, Graham, North Carolina . . . Dramatics 1, 2, 3, 4-H Club 2, FTA Club 3, Vice President, 4 President, Glee Club 3, 4, Secretary 3, Marshal 3, Chief, Social Council 4, Student Council 4, Cheerleader 3, 4, Chief 4, Monogram Club 3, 4, Wilsonian Staff 3, Assistant Business Manager 4, Business Manager, Basketball 2, Student Librarian 4, Miss Alexander Court 4, Giftorian, Most Popular, Best All-Round.

CHARLES MILTON CRAWFORD — *"CHOO CHOO"*

He that is a friend indeed, he will help thee in thy need . . . Route 1, Haw River, North Carolina . . . Bus Drivers' Club 1, 2, 3, 4, FFA Club 1, 2, 4, Monogram Club 4, Friendliest, Basketball, Football 4, Manager.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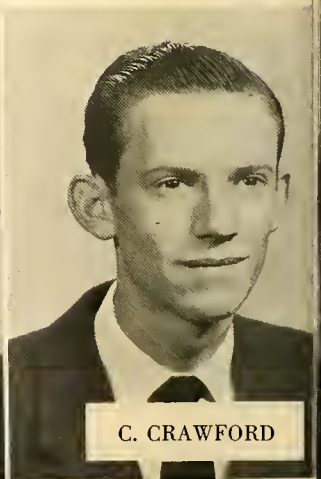
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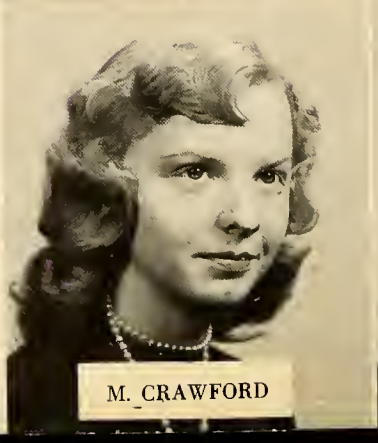
MARGARET ANNE CRAWFORD — *"RED"*

The reasons for her popularity and success are not hard to define; she's sincere and friendly with an excellent mind . . . Route 2, Graham, North Carolina . . . 4-H Club 1, Glee Club 3, Cheerleader 3, 4, Monogram Club 3, 4, Bus Drivers' Club 3, 4, FHA Club 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4, FHA Court 3, FHA Queen 4, Wilsonian Staff 3, Associate Editor, 4 Editor-in-Chief, Class Historian, Most Intellectual, Miss Alexander Wilson 1955.

ROBERT HOLT DAVIS — *"DAVIE"*

I take life as it comes and enjoy it . . . Route 2, Graham, North Carolina . . . FFA Club 1, Secretary 2, 3, FFA 4, 4-H Club 1, Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4, Winner Public Speaking Contest.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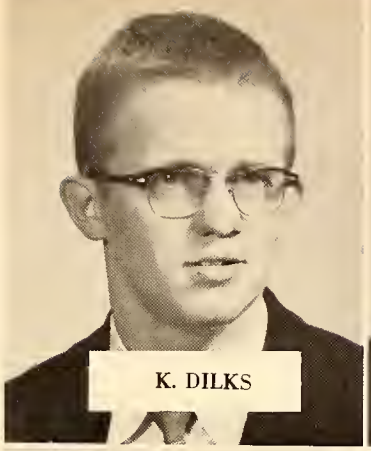
R. DAVIS

KENNETH ROWLAND DILKS *"SYLVANIE"*

Genius succeeds sometimes; hard work always . . . Route 1, Haw River, North Carolina . . . Football 2, 3, 4, Monogram Club 3, 4, FFA Club 1, 4-H Club 1, Marshal 3, Secretary 2, Wilsonian Staff 4, Snapshot Editor.

CARRIE LUCILLE DRAUGHN *"DUCK"*

Her heart is open as the day; her feelings all are true . . . Route 1, Graham, North Carolina . . . Treasurer 3, FTA Club 4, Wilsonian Staff 4, Typist Eagle Staff 4, Art Editor, Softball 1, Miss Alexander Wilson Court 3, 4.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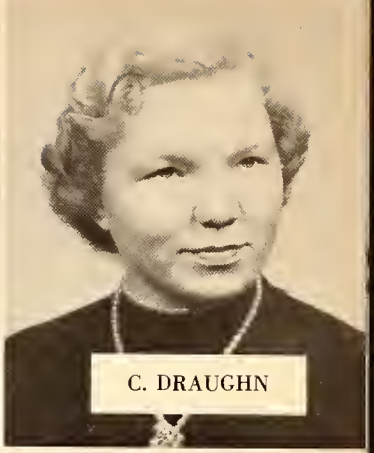
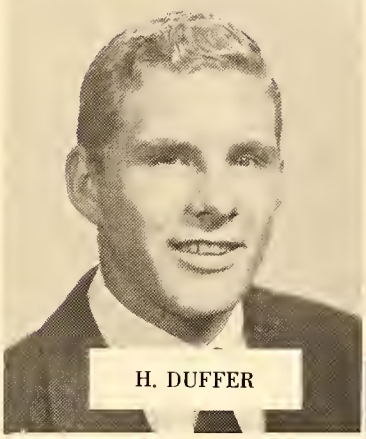

C. DRAUGHN

HUGH JULIUS DUFFER *"HUEY"*

"Here comes Cutie" you hear someone say and you know that Huey is coming your way . . . Swepsonville, North Carolina . . . Football 2, 4, Basketball 3, 4, Baseball 2, 3, 4, FFA Club 1, 2, Glee Club 4, Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, 4-H Club 1, Cutest.

ROBERT MINTER FARMER *"BOBBY"*

A good character is long to be remembered . . . Swepsonville, North Carolina . . . Football 4, Manager, Monogram Club 4, Baseball 4, FFA Club 1, 2, Glee Club 4, 4-H Club 1, 2, Most Talented.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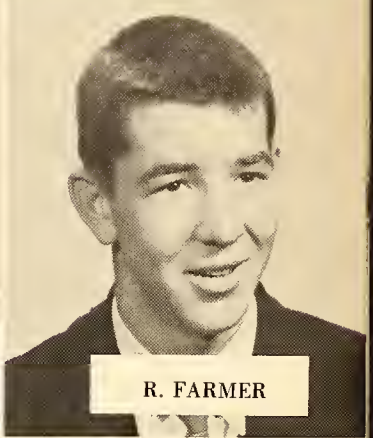

R. FARMER

L. GRAY

W. GUTHRIE

LOIS JANET GRAY *"JAN"*

Regret no yesterdays, make good use of your todays, and don't worry about your tomorrows . . . 628 S. Main St., Graham, North Carolina . . . Transfer from Graham 1, Photography Club 1, Secretary, Arts and Craft Club 1, Motion Picture Projection Club 1, Girls' Athletics Club 1, Bible Club, FHA Club 1, 3, 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, Glee Club 3.

WILLIAM GILLMORE GUTHRIE *"BILL"*

Always happy, never sad, sometimes naughty but never bad . . . 701 S. Main St., Graham, North Carolina . . . Vice President 2, 4, Football 1, 2, Manager, Bus Drivers' Club 3, 4, FFA Club 1, Social Council 4, Eagle Staff 4, Circulation Manager, Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, Marshal 3, Dramatics 2, 3, Prophet 4.

B. HANFORD

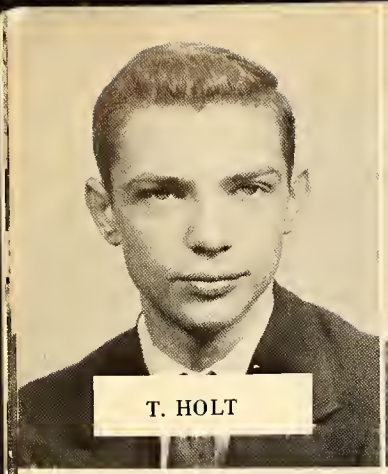
B. HENDERSON

BETTIE JUNE HANFORD *"JUNE"*

Let us enjoy pleasure while we can . . . 604 S. Main St., Graham, North Carolina . . . 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, Glee Club 3.

BARBARA ANN HENDERSON *"BARBARA"*

Merrily she can laugh and chatter . . . Route 1, Graham, North Carolina . . . FHA Club 1, 2, 3, 4, 4-H Club 1, 2, 3.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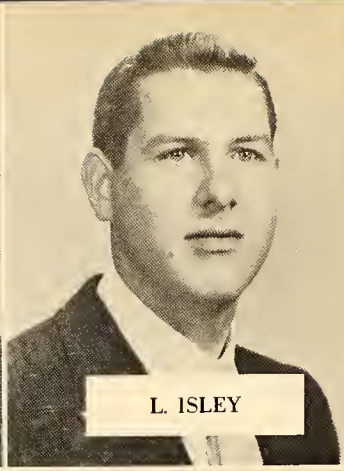
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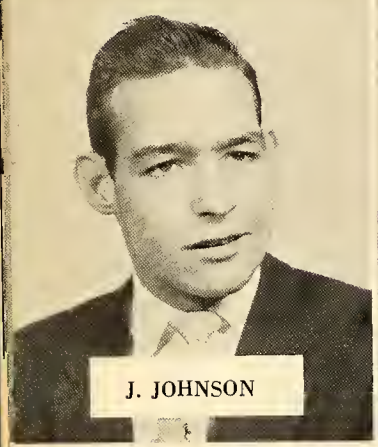
THOMAS CLENDELL HOLT *"CLENDELL"*

He put all his troubles in a box, sat on the lid—then smiled . . . Route 1, Graham, North Carolina . . . Basketball 4, FFA Club 1, 4, Vice President 1, 2, Bus Drivers' Club 3, 4.

LARRY JOE ISLEY *"JOE-JOE"*

Life is not really what comes to us, but what we get from it . . . Swepsonville, North Carolina . . . Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4, Basketball 3, 4, Football 1, 2, 3, 4, FFA Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Sentinel, Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Eagle Staff 4, Sports Editor.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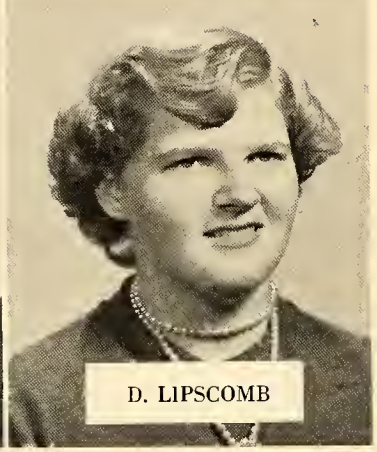
D. LIPSCOMB

JARVIS EUGENE JOHNSON *"BUCK"*

A jolly lad, and always sleepy . . . Route 1, Graham, North Carolina . . . Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Basketball 2, 3, 4, FFA Club 1, 2, Treasurer, Monogram Club 3, 4, Bus Drivers' Club 3, 4.

DORIS ARLENE LIPSCOMB *"JUDY"*

When hearts are true, few words will do . . . Route 1, Haw River, North Carolina . . . 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, Glee Club 3, 4, Wilsonian Staff 4, Art Editor.

JULIA ELIZABETH LOY *"JUDY"*

If she ever had an evil thought, she spoke no evil word . . . Route 2, Snow Camp, North Carolina . . . Treasurer 2, Marshal 3, Student Librarian 4, Wilsonian Staff 4, Typist, FTA Club 4, Treasurer, Student Council 4, Secretary, Most Studious.

SARA FENTON MANN *"SARA"*

Admired by all who know her well, but she gets into mischief too often to tell . . . Route 1, Mebane, North Carolina . . . Vice President 1, Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, Secretary, 4-H Club 1, 2, Secretary 3, 4, Bus Drivers' Club 3, 4, FTA Club 3, FHA Club 1, 2, 3, Vice President, 4 Parliamentarian, Eagle Staff 4, Business Manager, Social Council 4, Class Reporter 1, Dramatics 2, Prompter, Most Mischievous.

J. LOY

S. MANN

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She is true to her word, work and her friends . . . Route 2, Graham, North Carolina . . . FHA Club 1, 2, 3, Song Leader 4, 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Song Leader and Reporter, County Historian, Glee Club 3, 4, Bus Drivers' Club 4.

M. MARSHALL

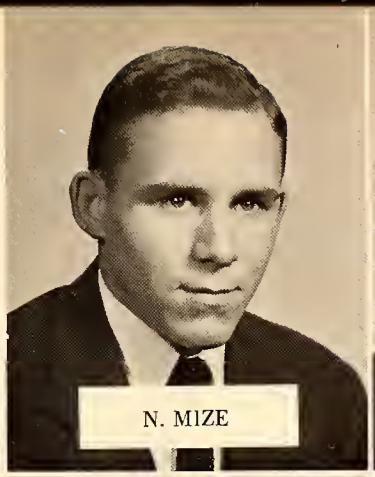
P. MARTIN

NORMAN EUGENE MIZE *"SPEEDY"*

As crazy as Dopey, as cute as Doc, as mean as Grumpy, but a good old sock . . . Route 1, Graham, North Carolina . . . FFA Club 1, 2, Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain, Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, Vice President 4, Glee Club 4.

BRASWELL WARNER MOORE *"BRAD"*

A newcomer, but a sure riser . . . 919 Oakely St., Graham, North Carolina . . . Transfer from Morven High School 4, Glee Club 2, 4, FFA Club 1, Reporter 2, 3, 4, 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, Basketball 1, 2, 3, Baseball 1.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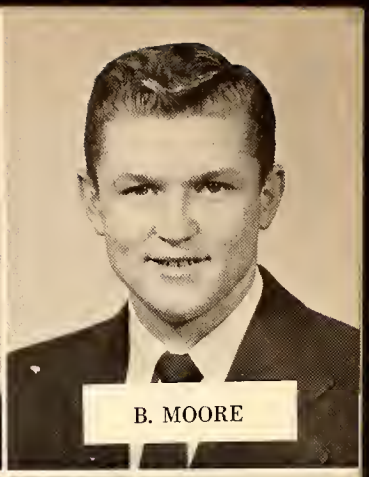
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Athletic, witty, and full of fun; he's made a friend of everyone . . . 1002 S. Main St., Graham, North Carolina . . . Football 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4, Baseball 2, 3, 4, Basketball 3, 4, Glee Club 4, Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4, FFA Club 1, 2.

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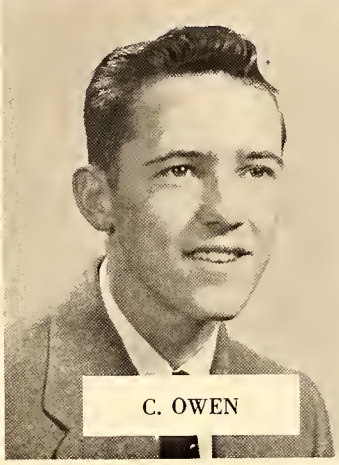
Doing good is the only certain happy action in a man's life . . . Route 2, Graham, North Carolina . . . Transferred from Walter William High School 3, FFA Club 3, DO 3, Best Dressed.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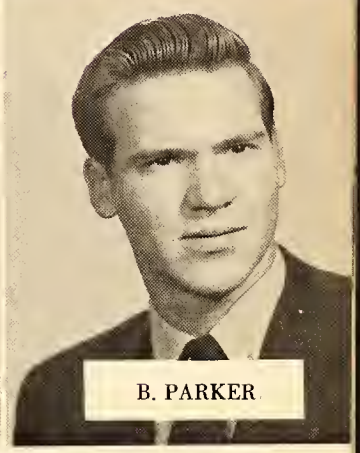
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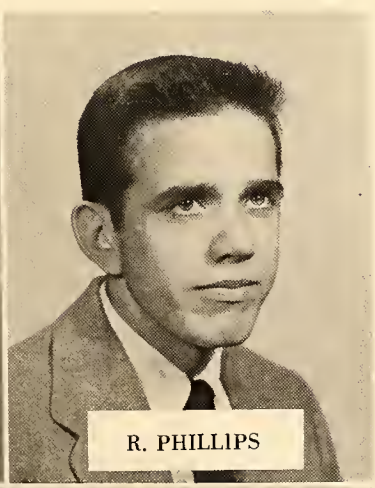
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To love and to be loved is the greatest happiness of existence . . . Box 506, Swepsonville, North Carolina . . . FHA Club 1, 2, Reporter 3, Reporter 4, Historian, Eagle Staff 4, Typist, Glee Club 4, Monogram Club 4, Softball 1, Best Dressed, Miss Alexander Wilson Court 3.

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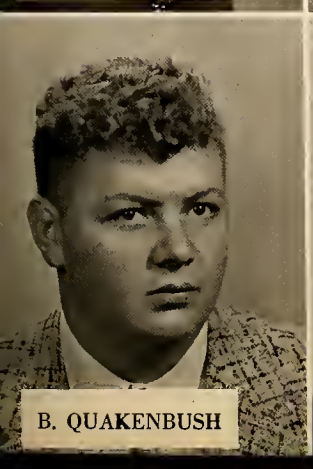
An all-round boy and a very good sport, whether it be in the classroom or on the basketball court . . . Swepsonville, North Carolina . . . Football 4, Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain, Baseball 2, 3, Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4, FFA Club 1, 2, Treasurer, Glee Club 4, Student Council 3, Vice President 3, Giftorian.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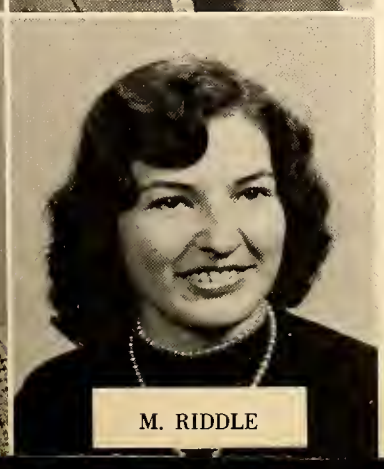
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Not exactly afraid of work, but rather not be intimately associated with it . . . Route 1, Graham, North Carolina . . . 4-H Club 1, 2, FFA Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter.

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She is just what she is, what better report, a girl friend, a good sport . . . Route 1, Mebane, North Carolina . . . 4-H Club 1, 2, FHA Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter, FHA Court 4, Glee Club 3, Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, Bus Drivers' Club 3, 4, Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4, Softball 1, Most Athletic.

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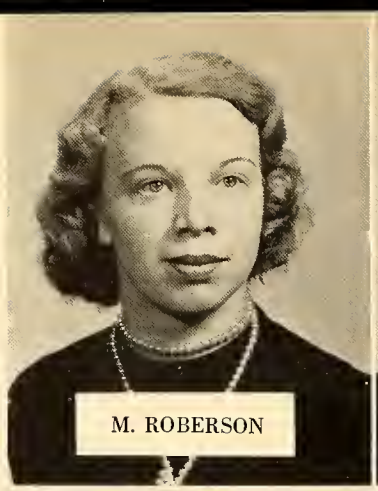
A sweeter girl you'll never find, always considerate and oh, so kind . . . 652 South Main Street, Graham, North Carolina . . . 4-H Club 1, FHA Club 1, 2, 3, 4, FHA Court 3, Glee Club 3, Softball 1, Miss Alexander Wilson Court 1.



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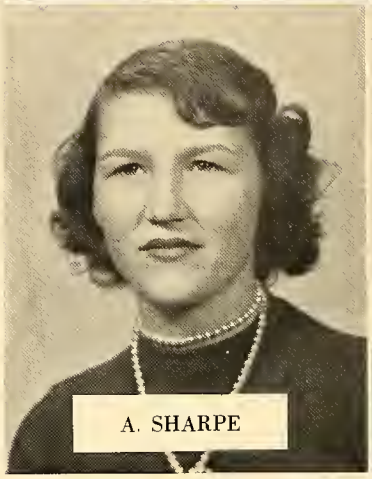
ALMA EUDELL SHARPE *"DELL"*

A smile for all she meets, a charm to make each memory sweet . . . Route 1, Graham, North Carolina . . . FTA Club 3, 4, FHA Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary, Glee Club 4, 4-H Club 2, Reporter 3, 4, Vice President 4, Bus Drivers' Club 3, 4, Softball 1, Eagle Staff 4, Miss Alexander Wilson Court 4, Class Poet.

JOHN RUFFIN TINGEN *"LUKEY"*

Take life too seriously and what is it worth . . . Route 2, Graham, North Carolina . . . FFA Club 1, 2, 3, Vice President 3, 4, President 4, Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Wilsonian Staff 4, Sports Editor, 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, Best Looking.



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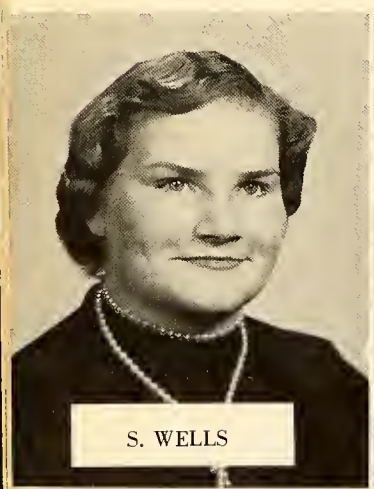

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S. WHITTEMORE

SARA LANE WELLS *"SARA"*

One good friend is better than all the jewels of the earth . . . Route 1, Haw River, North Carolina . . . Eagle Staff 4, Advertising Manager 4, Reporter 2, Student Council 3, Secretary, Glee Club 4, Secretary, FTA Club 4, Secretary, Class Testator, Friendliest, Most Talented.

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Just as cute as she can be, kind, friendly, and carefree . . . P. O. Box 402, Graham, North Carolina . . . Secretary 2, Glee Club 4, FTA Club 4, Reporter, FHA Club 1, 2, 4, 4-H Club 2, Cutest.

The Long Awaited Arrival!

It's a Blue Stone!

History

Twelve long years ago we, sixty-six bright eyed boys and girls, under the guidance of Mrs. Vance Garrett and Miss Carolyn Crowell, began a most exciting phase of our lives, obtaining an education. We were thrilled at the thoughts of the many good times we were to have and we soon felt that our little heads were beginning to swell with knowledge. As our first year came to a close, we could look back and recall the many friends we had made and the wonderful guidance and counseling our teachers had given us.

Before we realized it, we were eighth graders and anxiously awaiting graduation. Many students had joined us in previous years and our group had increased considerably. To us the memory will always linger of the night when we, dressed in white, marched down the long auditorium aisle to receive our eighth grade certificates.

In the fall of '51 a group of sixty-nine uncertain students began their long journey through high school as freshmen. Mrs. S. C. Burke and Mr. Rufus Abernathy were chosen to guide us and keep us from straying from our path. We chose Billie Ann Atkinson and Barbara Justice as leaders of Section I and Section A, respectively, Sara Mann and Marco Mora, assistants; Rebecca Hedgepeth and Mary Cates, recorders; and Jimmy Clark and Margaret Marshall, accountants. Judy Bowman and Margaret Crawford represented us in the Student Council.

We returned in September 1952, after a summer's rest, ready to resume our studies. Mrs. Robert Scott and Mr. Rufus Abernathy were our advisors. Jimmy Clark and Marco Mora were elected Presidents; Bill Guthrie and Clendell Holt, Vice Presidents; Sandra Whittemore and Kenneth Dilks, Secretaries; and Judy Loy and Billy Cheek, Treasurers. Margaret Marshall and George Bason were sent to the Student Council. In May we faced regents for the second time, and after some worry, we managed to pass them. We were then ready to enjoy a long awaited vacation.

We came back to school in 1953 as a combined group of Juniors, realizing we had a big year ahead of us. This year we had Mrs. G. B. Robbins as our advisor. Recognizing the importance of capable leaders, we chose Judy Bowman, President; Mary Cates, Vice President; Gail Cox, Secretary; and Lucille Draughn, Treasurer. To represent us in Student Council we chose Buddy Phillips, Billy Cheek, and Sara Lane Wells. We had the thrill of choosing our class rings, class colors, and our motto. Our rings possessed blue stones and a mount which featured the book of knowledge and service on one side and the North Carolina seal on the other.

In May the long awaited Junior-Senior banquet took place at the Alamance Hotel. For the theme we chose "Maytime." The tables were decorated with small white picket fences on which were perched tiny bird houses and various types of birds. Each table was centered with a miniature maypole with the streamers leading to the individual places where favors of little birds and candy eggs were found.

With eager anticipation, we assembled for our final year in 1954. As class officers for the last time we elected George Bason, President; Bill Guthrie, Vice President; Billie Ann Atkinson, Secretary; and Margaret Marshall, Treasurer. Billy Cheek, Gail Cox, and Judy Loy represented us in Student Council, with Billy as President and Judy as Secretary. We began the tremendous task of producing the Wilsonian. Margaret Crawford was selected Editor-in-Chief of this project.

With our eyes toward graduation, we chose Candy Phillips and Therman Clark as our mascots.

Another event which we are looking forward to is our trip to Washington, D.C. We are extremely anxious to visit the many historical places and to learn more about how our government operates.

We leave our high school days behind, our motto, "Not at the Top, But Climbing" uppermost in our minds. Although each of us goes his own way, we will often think fondly of one another and of our memorable experiences at Alexander Wilson High.

MARGARET ANNE CRAWFORD
Class Historian

Juniors

Universal Language of Mankind

Webster, Caviness, Hunter, Webster

Gladness of heart is the life of man, and the joyfulness of a man prolongeth his days.

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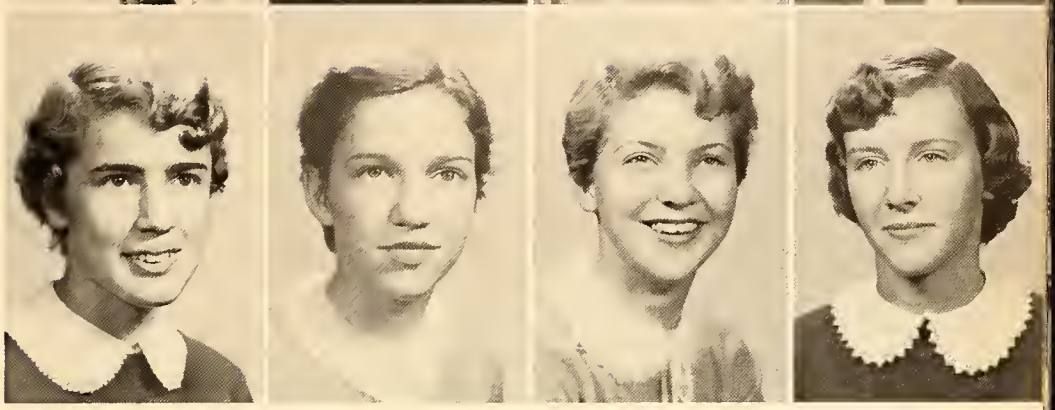

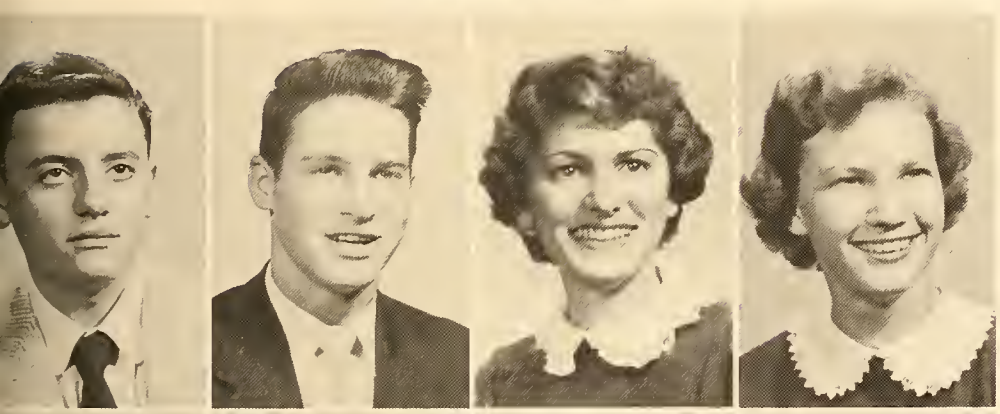

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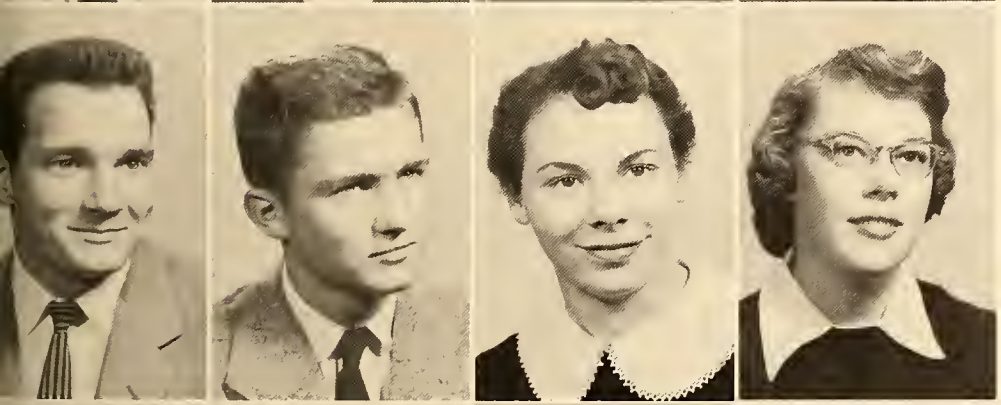

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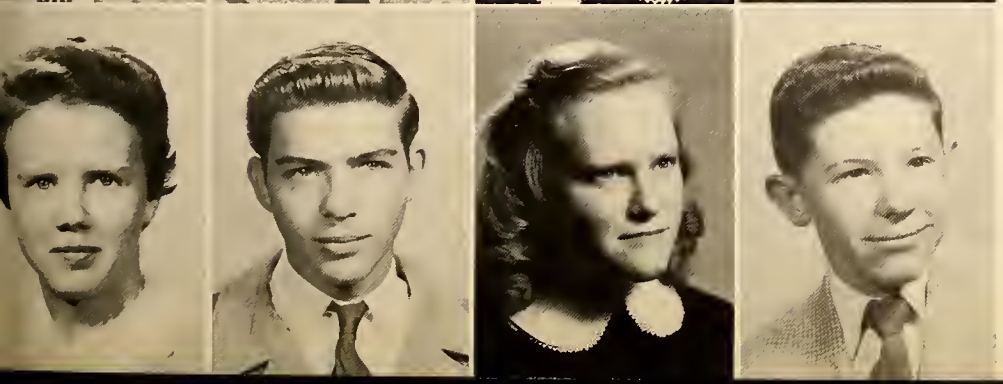

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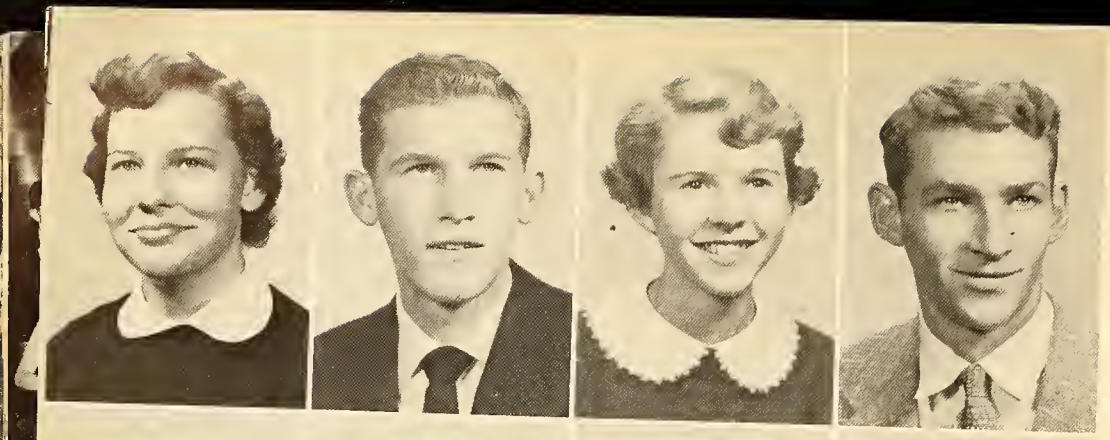

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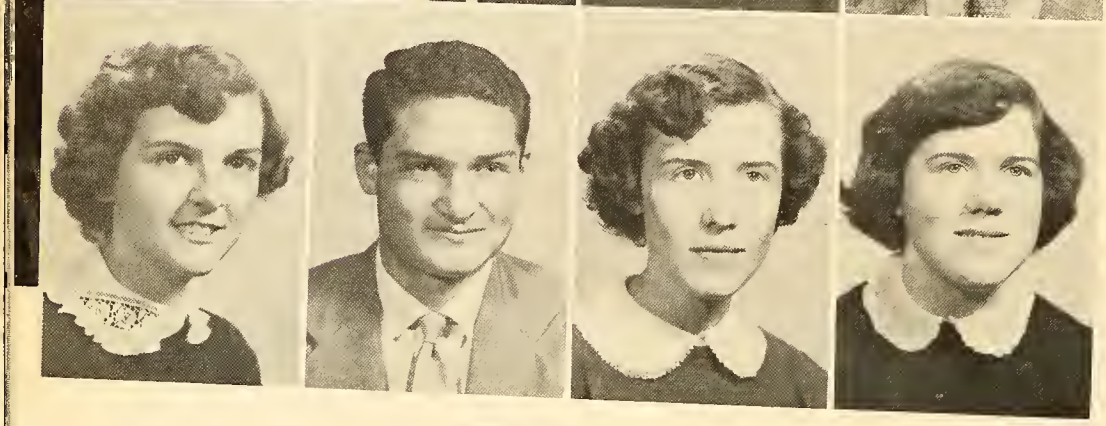

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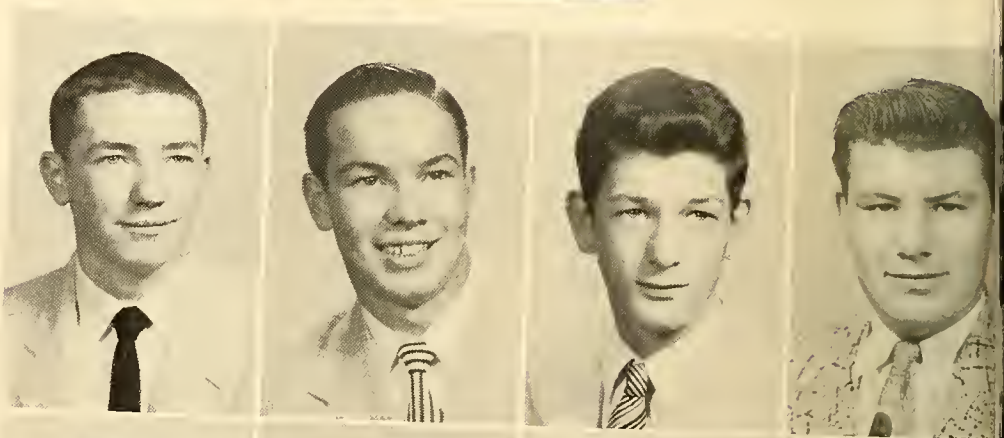

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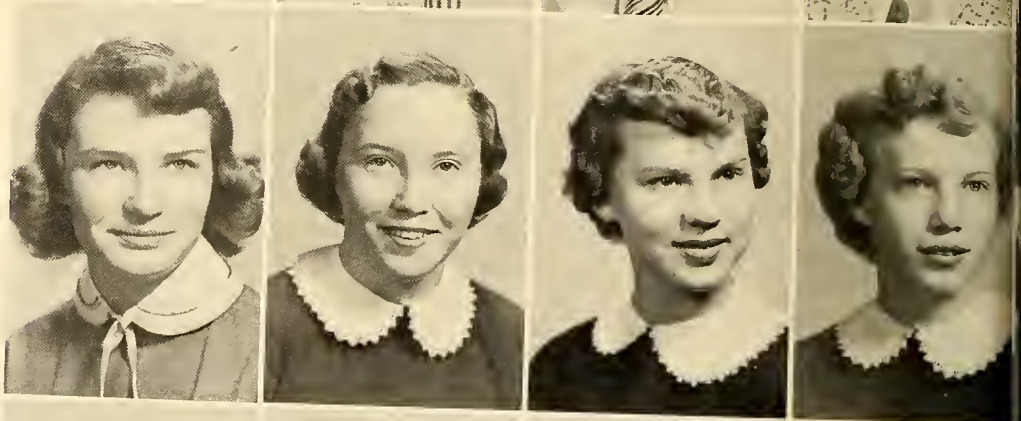

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Everett Carden
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Business education is a course composed of many subjects, contributing to the aims of both general and vocational education. Many pupils enroll for the course.

Pupils are afforded an opportunity, through social studies, to re-discover the past and seek to understand and appreciate their heritage; unravel the present and seek to understand their world of people; and finally, live and work with others in an effort to make this a better world.

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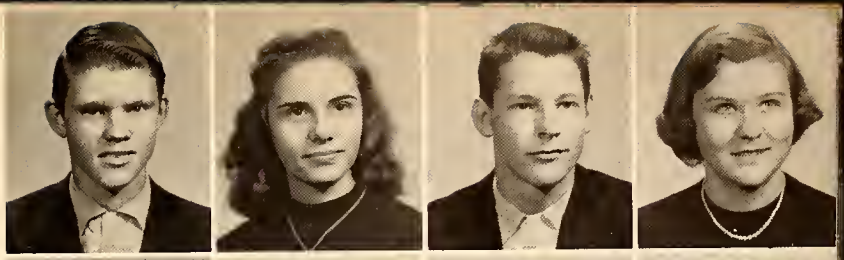

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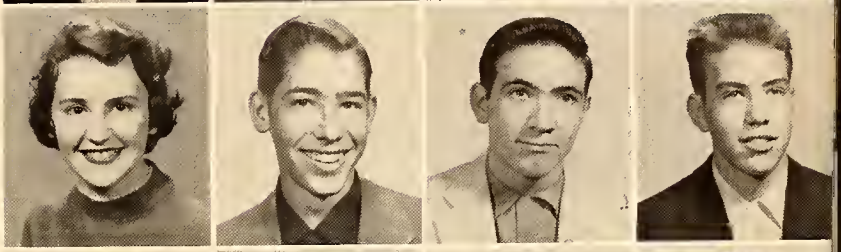

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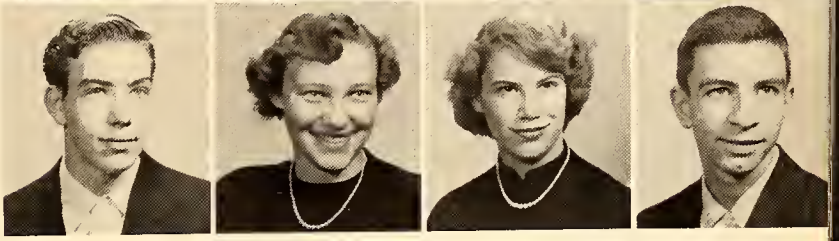

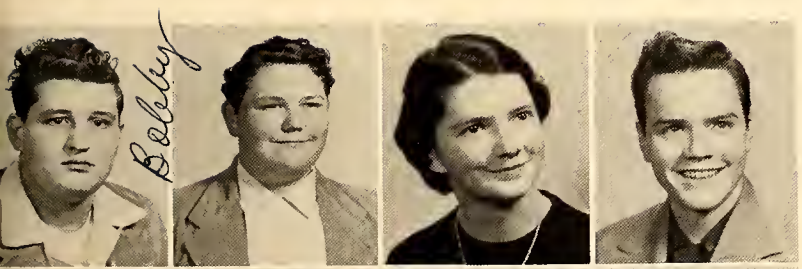

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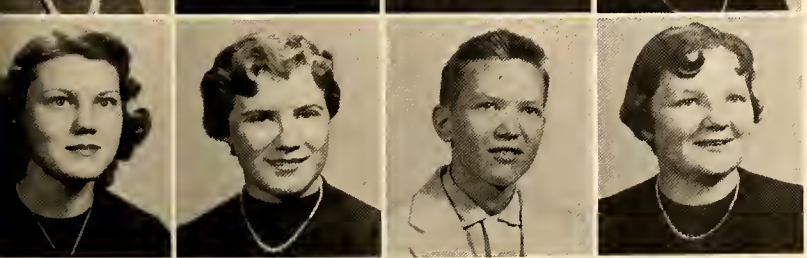

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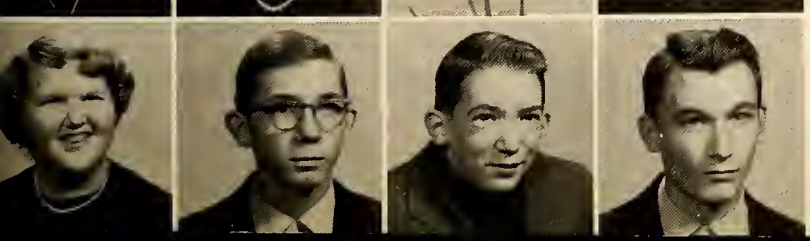

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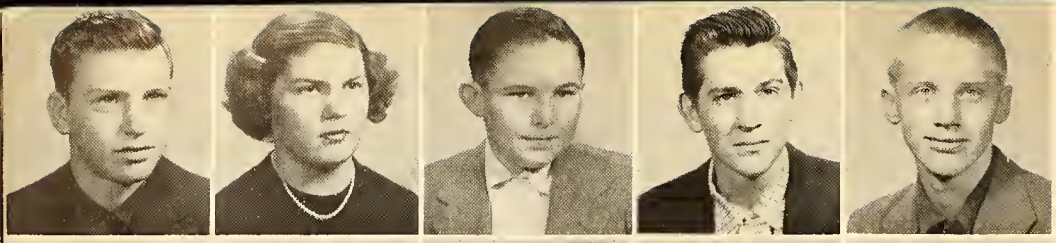

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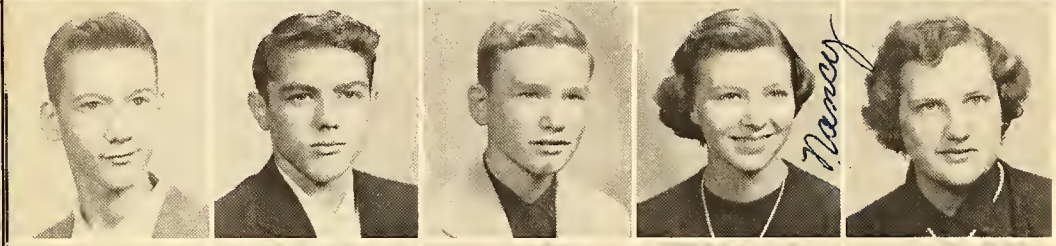

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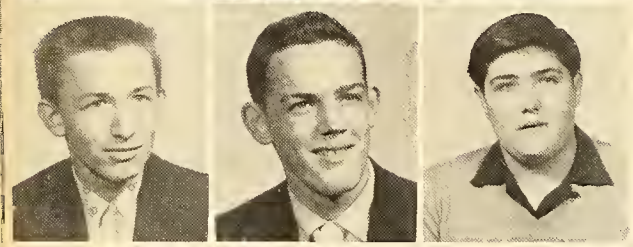

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Solving the "Queen of the Sciences," mathematics, which plays an important part in the work of every science as well as in our daily lives.

Science makes possible our atomic age by the discovery of another world through such apparatus as the microscope and test tube and through experimentation.

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"Bright hopes for the future"

Front, left to right: Mann, Allen, Barrett. *Standing*: Thompson, Allen, Justice, Owen, Bason.

The beginning is the most important part of the work.

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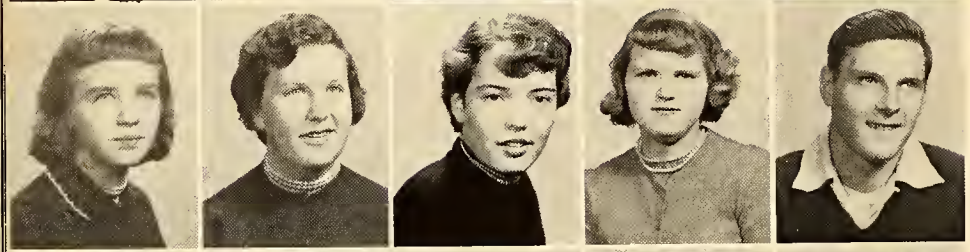

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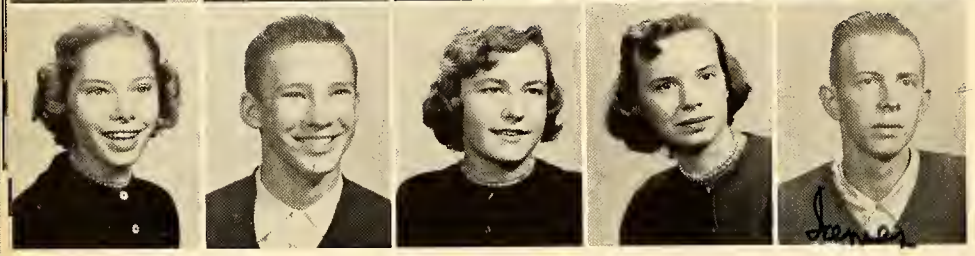

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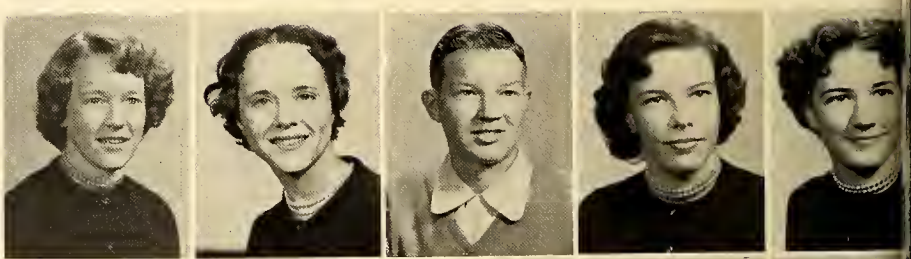

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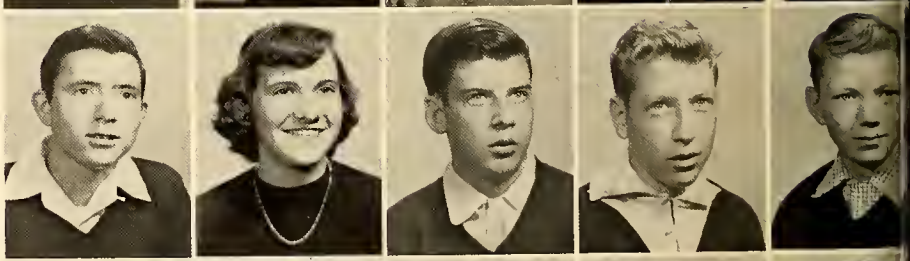

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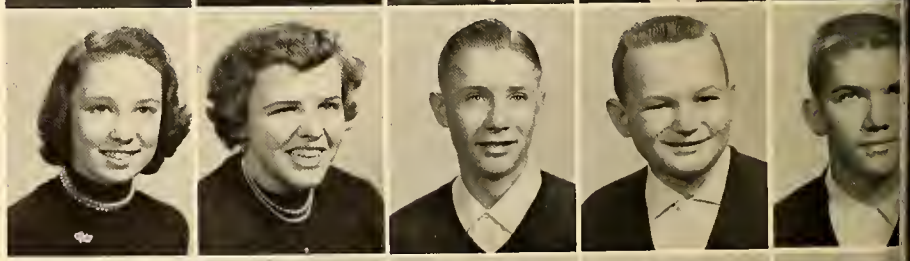

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Peggy Maxine Pass

Nancy Carolyn Quakenbush
Fred Eugene Saunders
Martha Jane Schronce
Joseph Douglas Scott
Norman Sid Smith

Dewey Robert Stone
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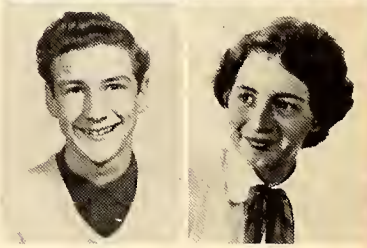

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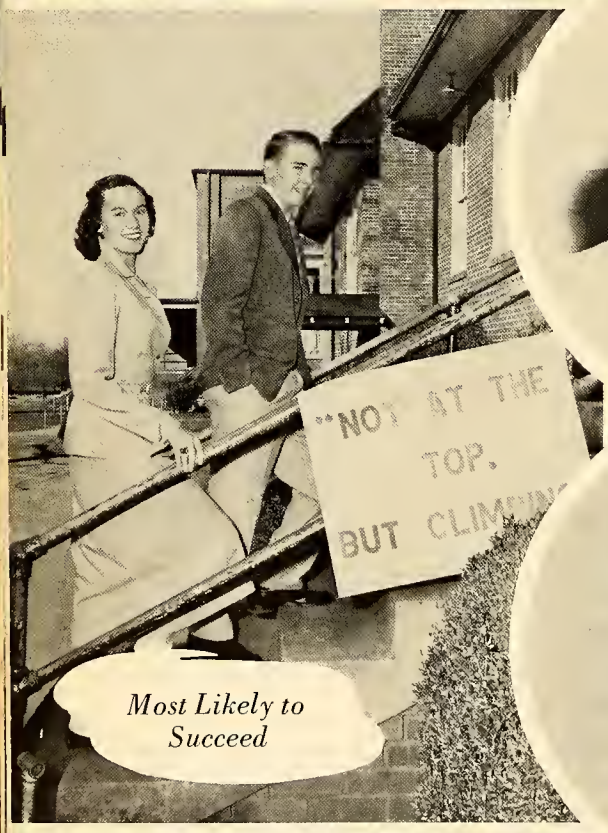

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RITA PASS
BOBBY PARKER

Best All-Round
GAIL COX
GEORGE BASON

Most Talented
SARA LANE WELLS
BOBBY FARMER

SENIOR CLASS POEM

As our high school days are outward sweeping,
Mem'ries through our minds are often creeping.
Four long years ago through the portals wide
We walked bewildered, but with newness of stride;
Exciting years filled with study, work and play;
Priceless friendships—these we'll hold dear always—
Our high school days now come to an end.
With confidence our future way we'll wend,
Ever grateful for experiences had here,
Our love for Alexander Wilson grows more dear.

EUDELL SHARPE
Class Poet

In anticipation for June 2, 1955

Mr. Williams,

It seems to best things Wilson ever had are leaving, You, Mr. Miller, and me. I haven't had a class under you for the past two years but I did enjoy your English class, even if I did act awful in it. I hope you find your new school and pupils to your liking and as friendly as you are.

Best of luck in your future and I hope you don't stay a batchelor the rest of your life.

Best of luck) to a wonderful friend and teacher –
Endell Sharpe

Activities

Mr. Williams:
I wish you the best of everything out of your teaching career. Remember the 9th grade study hall.
Your friend
Junior Wolf

Good Citizenship Council

OFFICERS—Billy Cheek, President; Jackie Barns, Vice President; Judy Loy, Secretary; Sammy Allen, Treasurer. G. B. Robbins, Advisor.

The Good Citizenship Council has a membership of ten pupils, representatives elected from the various home room groups of the school. It meets each Tuesday to plan and promote projects for school improvement.

Wilsonian Staff

Seated, left to right: Judy Loy, Lucille Draughn, Typist; Delmar McAdams, Associate Editor; Margaret Crawford, Editor-in-Chief; Judy Bowman, Associate Editor; Gail Cox, Business Manager. *Standing*: Mrs. Robbins, Sponsor; Vance Coggins, Assistant Business Manager.

Social Council

The Social Council was organized this year. It consists of representatives of each high school home room and two faculty sponsors, Mrs. Robert Scott and Mrs. James Rich. The council has organized "school parties" to replace numerous class parties. These have been held in the gym and were well attended and fulfilled a need felt in the school.

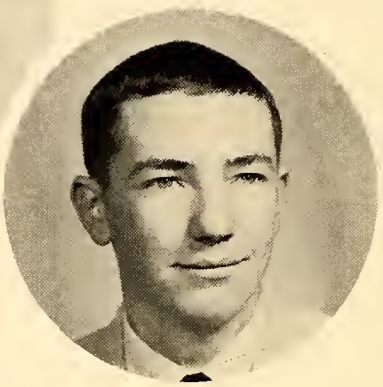
Newspaper Staff

Seated, left to right: McAdams, Draughn, Webster, Associate Editor; Barnes, Editor-in-Chief; Pass, Cheek. *Standing:* Hunter, Caviness, Marshall, Bowman, Isley, Wells, Mann, Guthrie, Miss Cashwell, Advisor.

Marshals

The school Marshals are elected from the all-around top ranking members of the Sophomore and Junior classes. There are six Juniors and four Sophomores. Mrs. Burke, Advisor.

Seated, left to right: Jean Carolyn Cates, Clara Jean Dodson, Mary Ellen Brown. *Standing:* Johnnie Lea Roberson, Delmar Burgess, Ella Rae Justice, Delmar McAdams, Gratha Mae Caviness, Duke Paris, Patricia Johnson.



DELMAR McADAMS
Chief

Any high school girl may be a member of the FHA Club.

Left to right: Crawford, President; Cates, Vice President; Sharpe, Secretary; Bowman, Treasurer; Pass, Historian; Mann, Parliamentarian; Riddle, Reporter; Cooper, Song Leader. Mrs. Rich, Advisor.

Cheerleaders

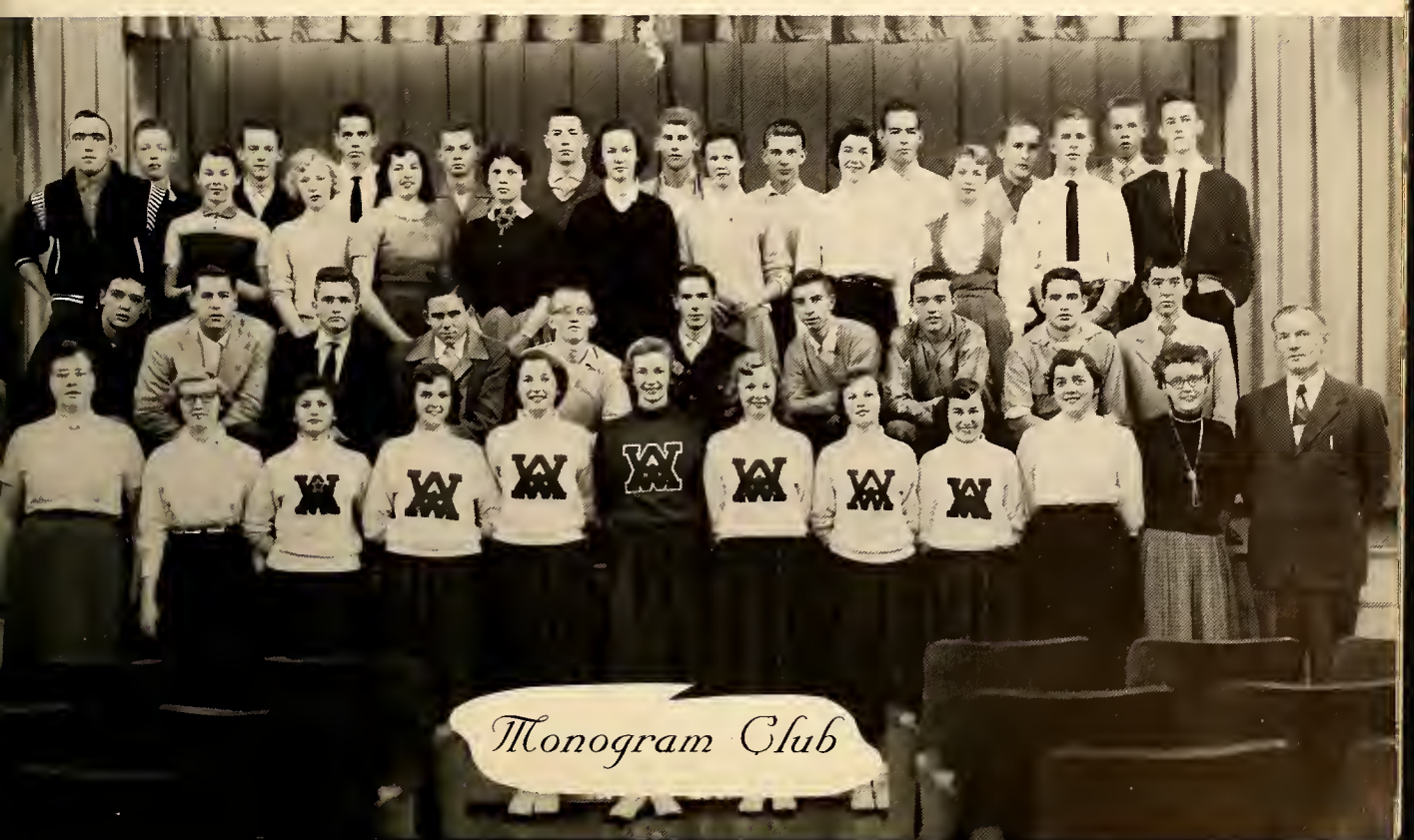
The seven Cheerleaders are elected by popular vote of the Student Body. To be eligible for this position contestants must qualify according to standards set up by the Good Citizenship Council.

GAIL COX
Chief

Left to right: Deanna Coble, Gail Cox, Kay Henderson, Margaret Crawford, Evelyn Allen, Ella Rae Justice, Gail Cook.

The membership of the Monogram Club is made up of "good sports" who have been awarded letters for meritorious participation in athletics. Cheerleaders are members also. The coaches serve as sponsors of the club.

OFFICERS—C. P. Owen, President; Norman Mize, Vice President; Jean Carolyn Cates, Secretary; Billy Cheek, Treasurer.



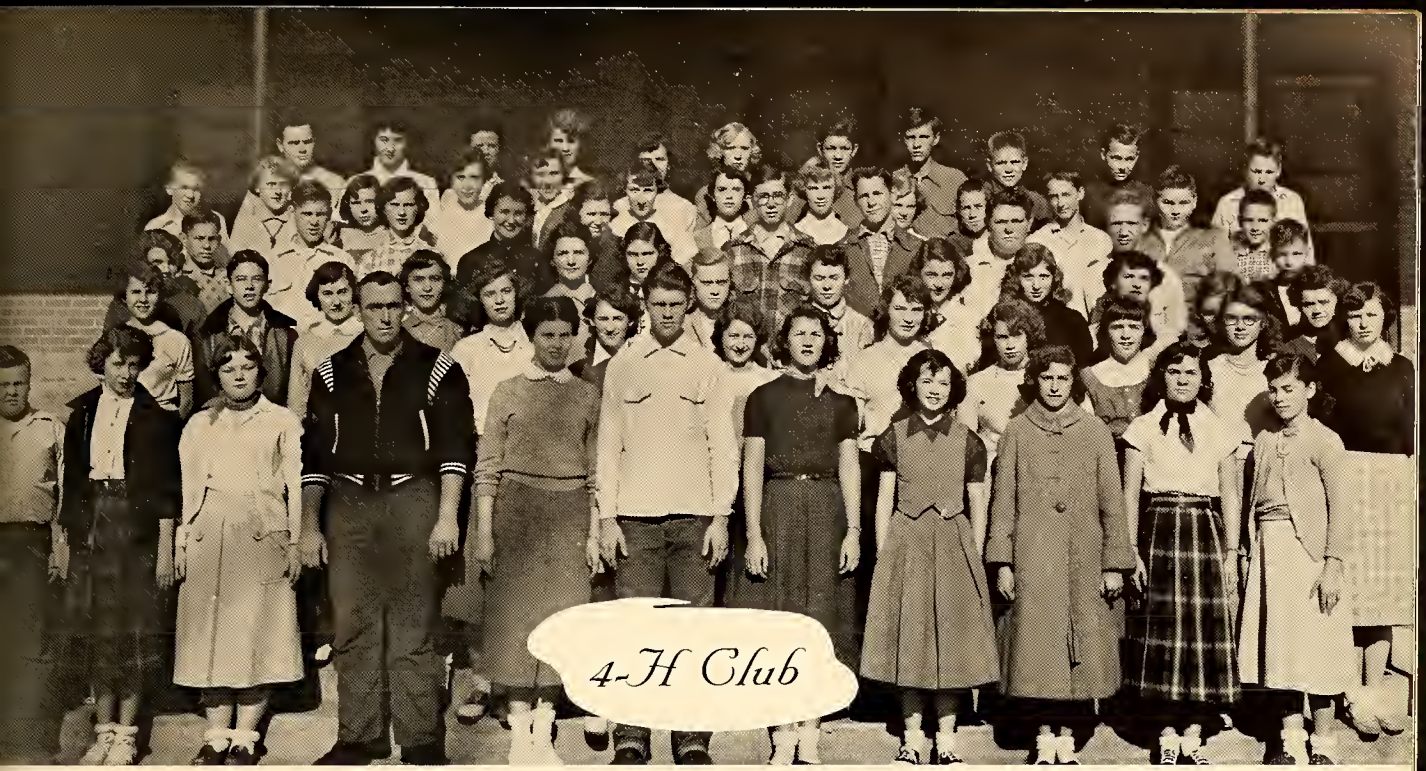
Monogram Club

OFFICERS—Gail Cox, President; Nancy Scott, Vice President; Sara Lane Wells, Secretary; Judy Loy, Treasurer; Judy Bowman, Parliamentarian; Mary Ellen Brown, Historian; Louise Cooper, Song Leader. Mrs. Robbins, Advisor.

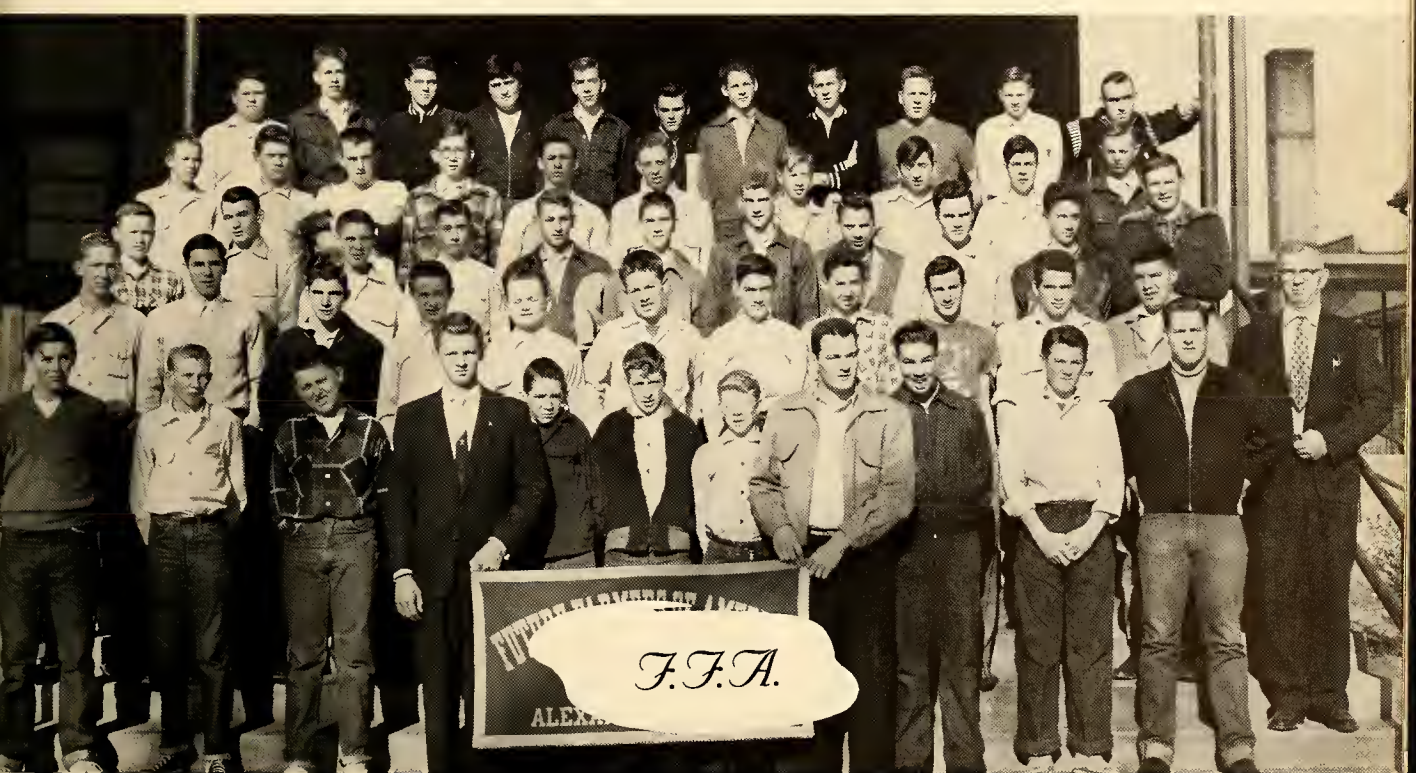
The special project of the club for this year has been that of assisting in the library.

OFFICERS—Billie Ann Atkinson, President; Sara Lane Wells, Secretary; Hugh Doss, Treasurer. Mrs. Herman Denny, Director, Mr. Miller, Advisor.

The most outstanding program of the year was the Christmas Cantata presented in Swepsonville Methodist Church.



OFFICERS—Sammy Allen, President; Eudell Sharpe, Vice President; Sara Mann, Secretary; Patricia Martin, Song Leader. Sponsors: Miss Jean Harris, George Coble.



OFFICERS—John Tingen, President; Herman Crawford, Vice President; Billy Cheek, Secretary; Grady Caviness, Treasurer; Larry Isley, Sentinel; Norman Smith, Reporter. Mr. S. A. Cooper, Advisor.

Girls' Basketball

Much interest in basketball is manifested among the girls. Emphasis is placed upon good sportsmanship, friendliness, team work, and playing the game hard not only for the pleasure of winning but for the love of the sport.

Bowman scores over Haw River!

SHELBY FARRELL
Captain

MABELINE RIDDLE
Co-Captain

LONG—*Coach*

Reading, left to right: Cates, Bowman, Farrell, Riddle, Cooper, Webster, Manager; J. Farrell, Mann, Williams, P. Farrell, Henderson, Dodson, Brown, Long, Coach; Quakenbush, Justice, Schronce, Dunn, Scott, Wagoner.

Boys' Basketball

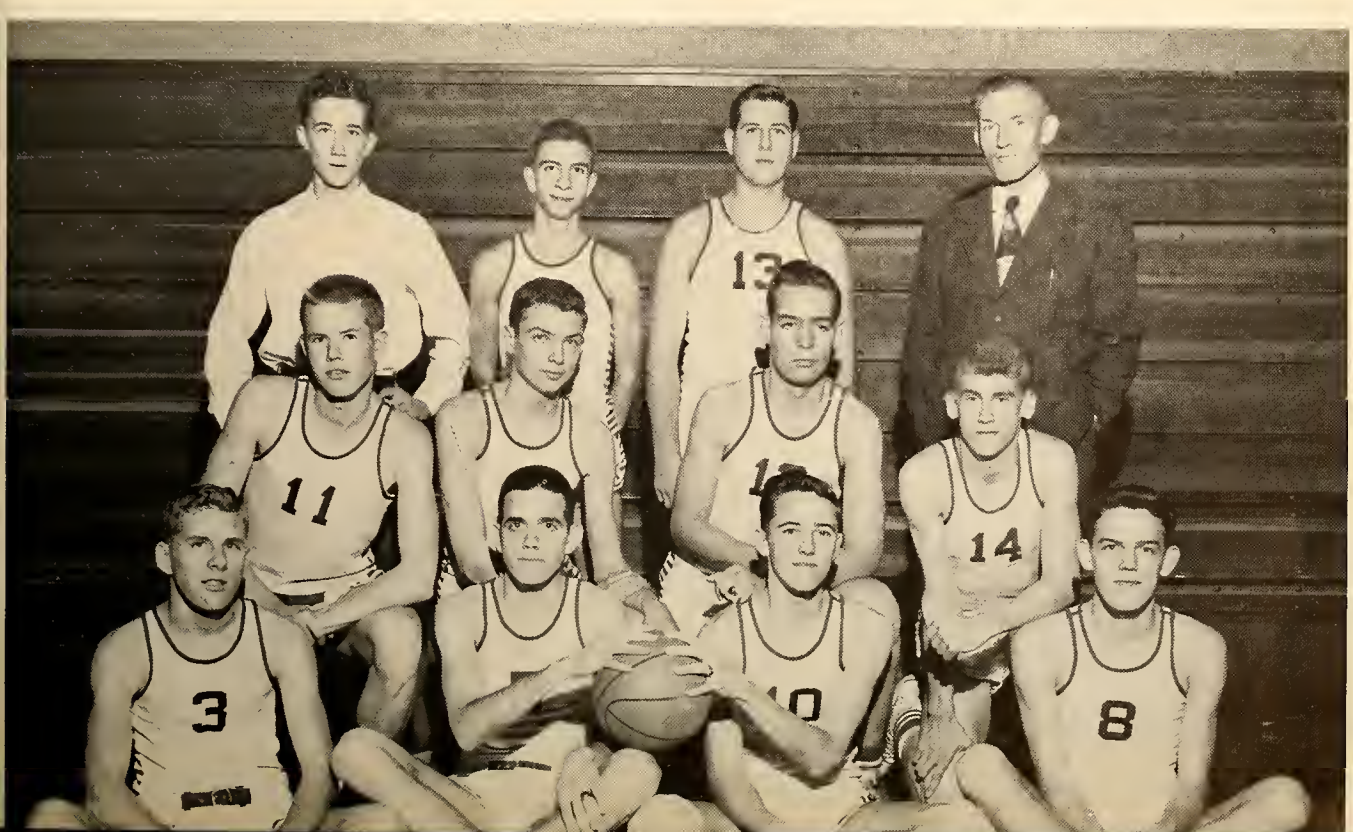
The Eagles have displayed a good brand of basketball throughout the season, but due to inconsistency in playing have lost a few games by narrow margins.

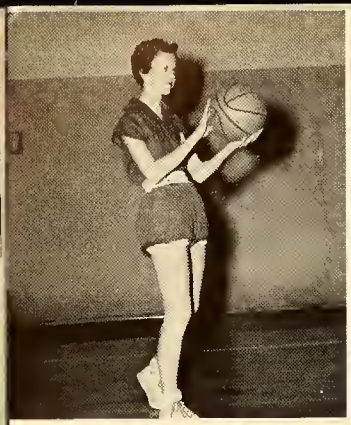
Buddy hits again!

RUFUS H. ABERNATHY
Coach

BUDDY PHILLIPS
Captain

Reading, left to right: Duffer, Phillips, Owen, Williams, Truitt, Holt, Johnson, Wood, Johnston, Manager; Crutchfield, Isley, Abernathy, Coach.





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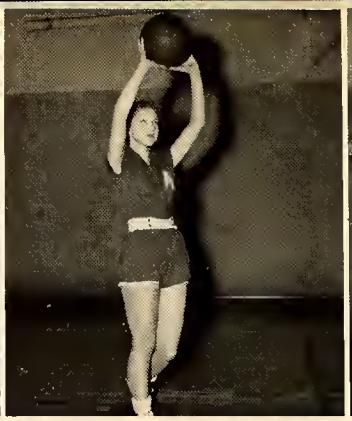

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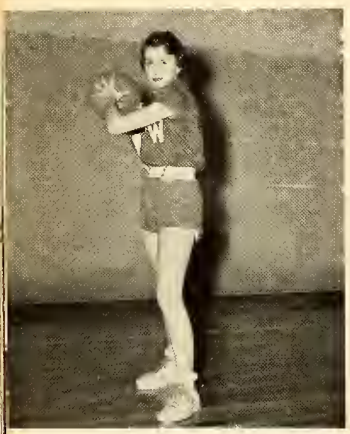
LOUISE COOPER

MABELINE RIDDLE

C. P. THOMPSON GYMNASIUM



MARY ELLEN BROWN

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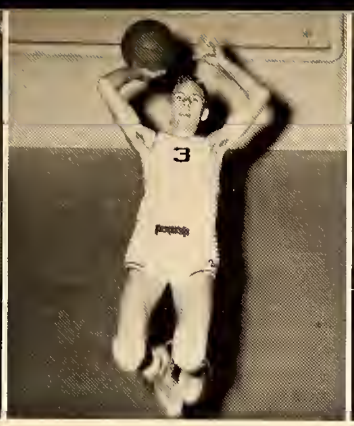
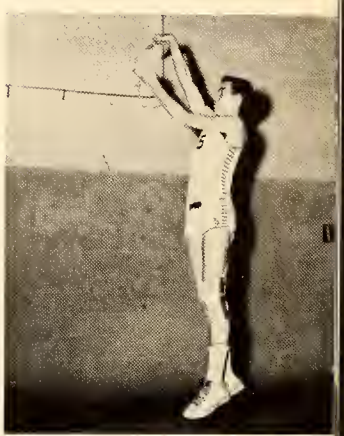


HUGH DUFFER

LARRY ISLEY

C. P. OWEN

The C. P. Thompson Gymnasium and its surrounding playground afford boys and girls of Alexander Wilson the opportunity to participate in a program of physical education and various sports. From these activities pupils gain a better insight as to the ideals of fair play. The gym is being used effectively by the entire student body of 1,020 pupils and 38 teachers. The school parties of the year have been held in it. Various organizations of the community have also had access to it for such occasions as harvest festivals, all-star basketball team practice and games, Parent-Teacher meetings, and demonstrations by college gymnastic teams.



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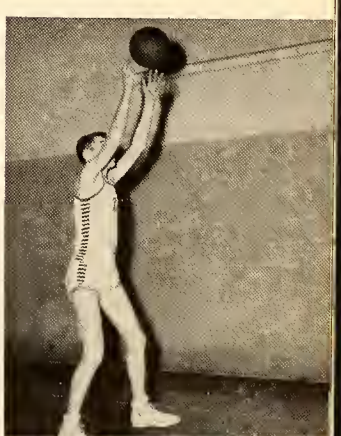

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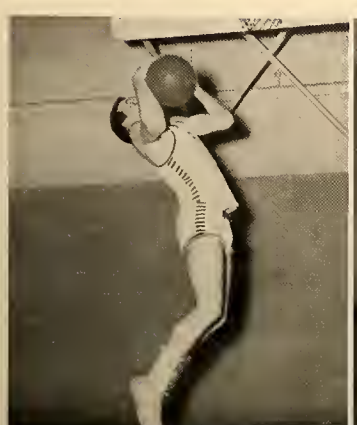
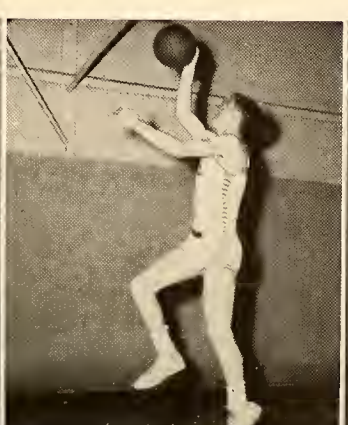


HERMAN CRAWFORD

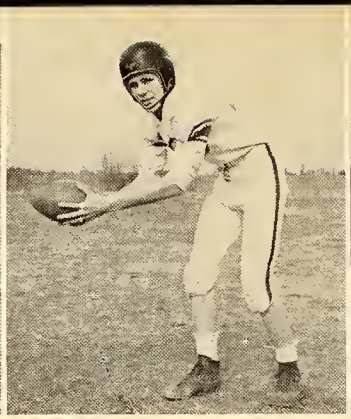
RONNIE CRUTCHFIELD



JUNIOR WOOD

KENNETH WILLIAMS

GEORGE BASON



HUGH DUFFER

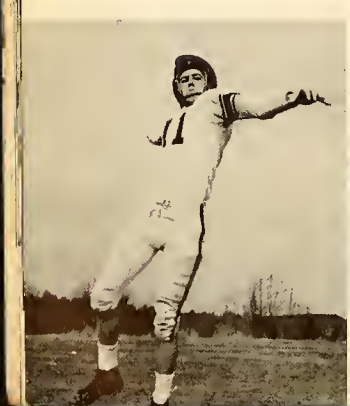
LARRY JOE ISLEY

J. E. JOHNSON

Football

Coach Abernathy capitalized on the assistance of Harold Teer in turning out one of the best teams in the county. The Eagles were victorious in six of the eight games played, losing only to E. M. Holt and Mebane.

C. P. OWEN



NORMAN MIZE

JOHN TINGEN

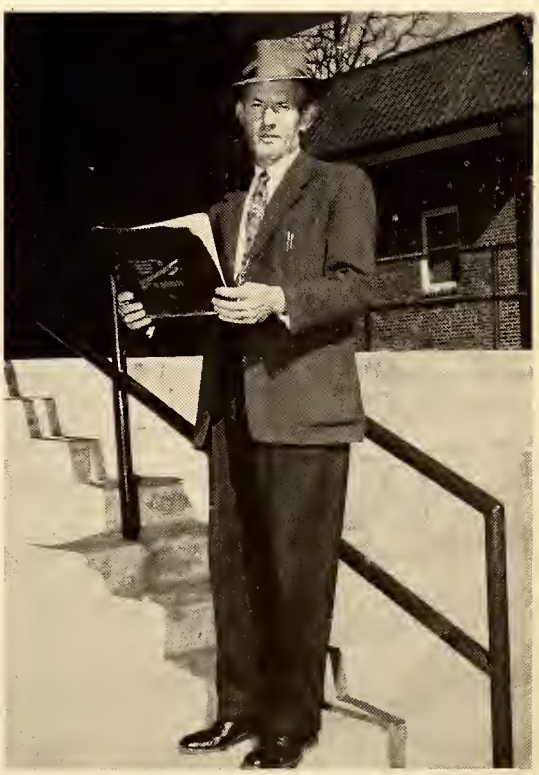
HERMAN CRAWFORD

Left to right: Isley, Owen, Phillips, Duffer, Dilks, Davis, McPherson, Carden, McAdams, Manager; Crutchfield, Crawford, Smith. The seniors of the 1954 class were not present when the picture was made.

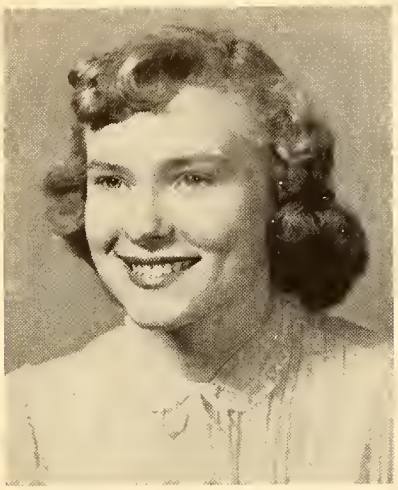
Baseball

LINE UP

PITCHERS	Smith, Isley, Crutchfield
CATCHERS	Clapp, Isley, Farmer
FIRST BASE	Phillips
SECOND BASE	Duffer
THIRD BASE	Farmer, Payne
LEFT FIELD	Scarlett, Isley
CENTER FIELD	Crawford
RIGHT FIELD	Curtis, B. Davis
P. HITTER	R. Davis
SHORTSTOP	Owen

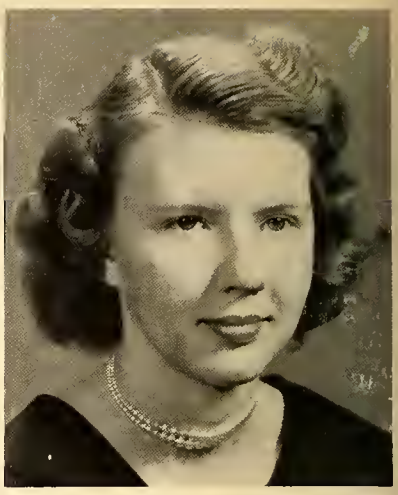


COACH ABERNATHY



MARY ANN P. McVEY
Valedictorian 1954

MRS. S. C. BURKE
25 *Years Service*
in Alexander Wilson School



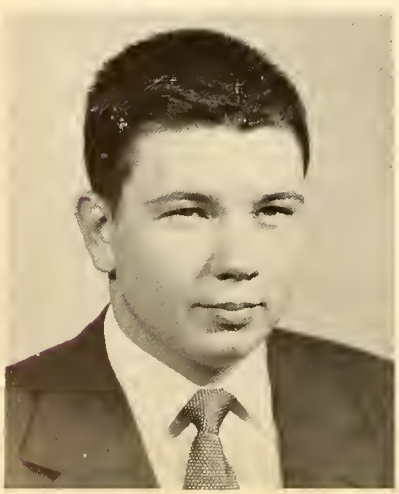
NANCY D. DODSON
Salutatorian 1954

Who's Who

Miss Alexander Wilson Contestants

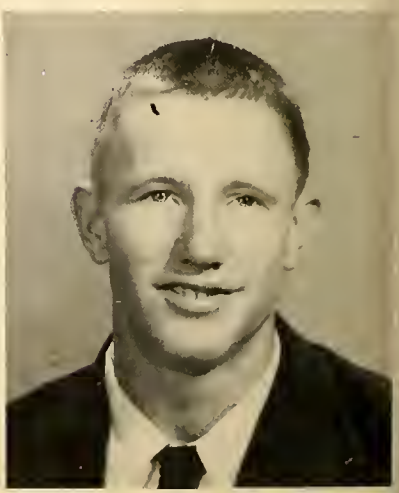
Sharpe, Cox, Crawford, Marshall, Cooper, Farrell, M. Cates, P. Farrell, Draughn, Bowman, Coble, Roberson.

KENT MANN
Best All-Round Boy 1954



REBECCA BROWN
Best All-Round Girl 1954
Best Girl Athlete 1954

MACK PAYNE
Best Boy Athlete 1954



Miss Alexander Wilson 1955
MARGARET ANNE CRAWFORD

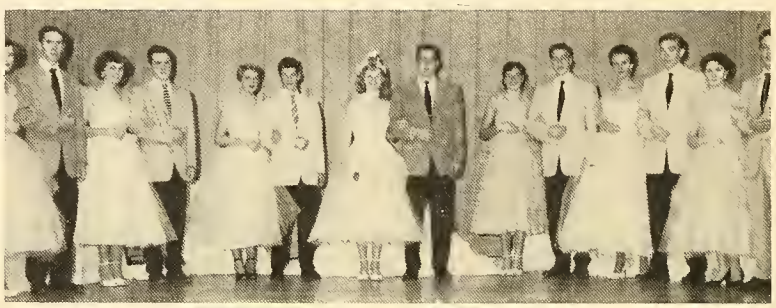
Junior-Senior

Junior-Senior Banquet was held on May 1, 1954 in the Alamance Hotel in Burlington. The theme of "Maytime" was carried out in every phase of the banquet. Judy Bowman, Junior Class President, as Toastmaster, carried out the role of May Queen while Ben Farmer, President of the Senior Class, was crowned King of the festival.

Bus Drivers

Lest ye forget the beauty spring brings to the campus.

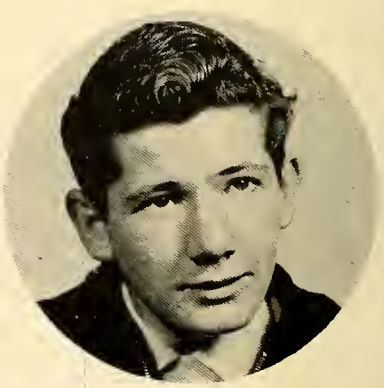
LANDON MULLIS



BOBBY BROWN

PATRICIA COUTURIER

MRS. N. N. FLEMING
Cafeteria Manager



JAMES ROGERS

ANNIE, MAGGIE, WILLIAM

CAFETERIA PERSONNEL

Mr. Williams, I've certainly enjoyed being in your Civics and English Class. All of us hate to see you leave next year but I bet you'll have a good time flirting with the girls next year.

Best of Luck Always!

Nancy Lott

Mr. Williams,

I have sincerely enjoyed being taught by you this year, and I hope that you have enjoyed teaching me. I'm looking foward toward next year when I hope to be with you again. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely
Gene Garrett

Mr Williams

I have enjoyed being taught by you and being friends with you. Good luck in the future

Marlean Allen

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Mr williams,

you have been a swell person to know outside of class as well as inside. Always remember me as one of your friends.

a friend
Norman Mize

Best of luck to a fine fellow.
Love always
Marilyn Monroe

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Mr. Williams
I have enjoyed knowing you this year and I wish you would stay on another year, or two or longer. I have enjoyed your teaching this year very much.
A friend
Grady

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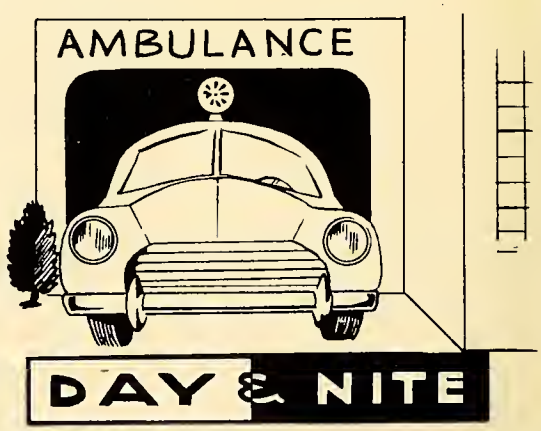
Mr. Williams
I have enjoyed knowing you this year and being in your class. I wish you all the luck in the world in the future.
A friend
Carol McCoy



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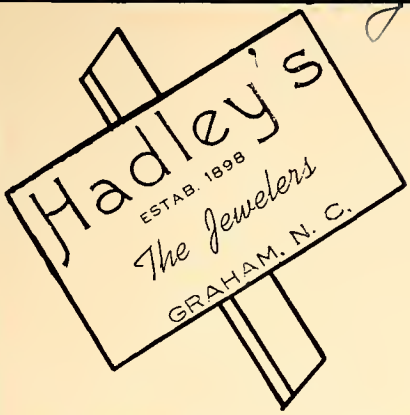
Lots of luck to a nice fellow.
Billy B.

Mr. Williams.
I have enjoyed being in your English class this past year. I was looking forward to another year, and I wish you would stay for many more years. Best of luck in anything you decide to do.
a "student,"
Karen Eason.



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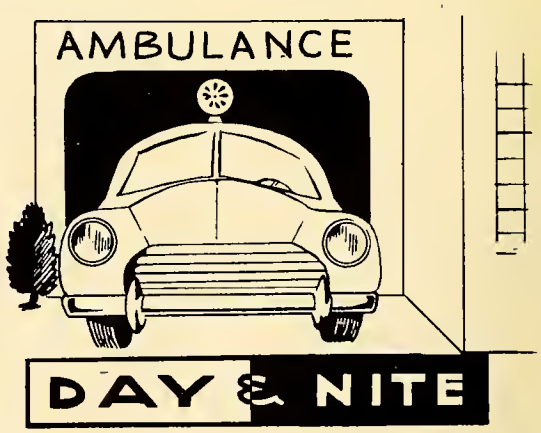

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our meetings at Jake's. I
certainly enjoyed them. Best
of luck always.
Bill Guthrie

Best of luck
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I have enjoyed being
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Lots of luck in the future.
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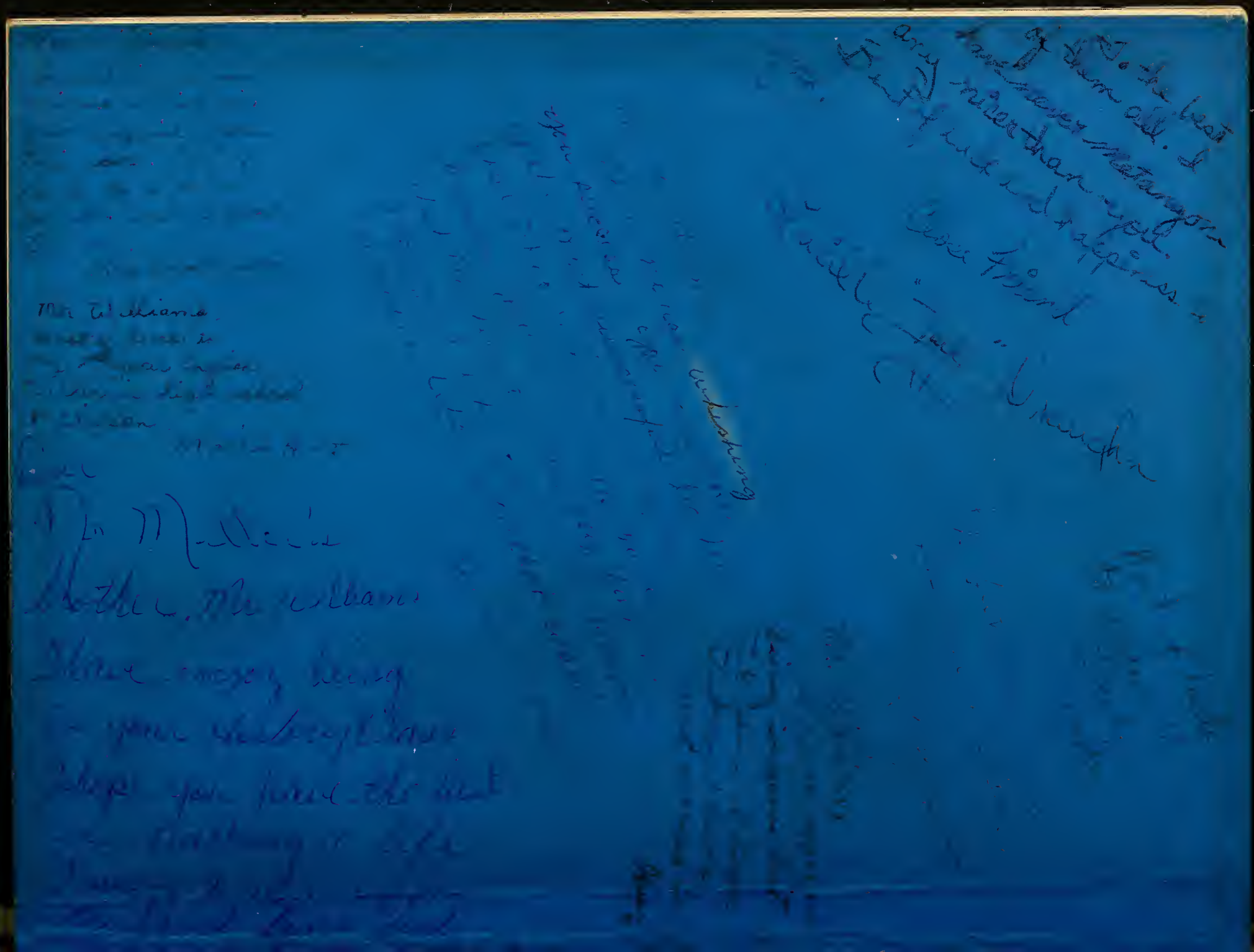

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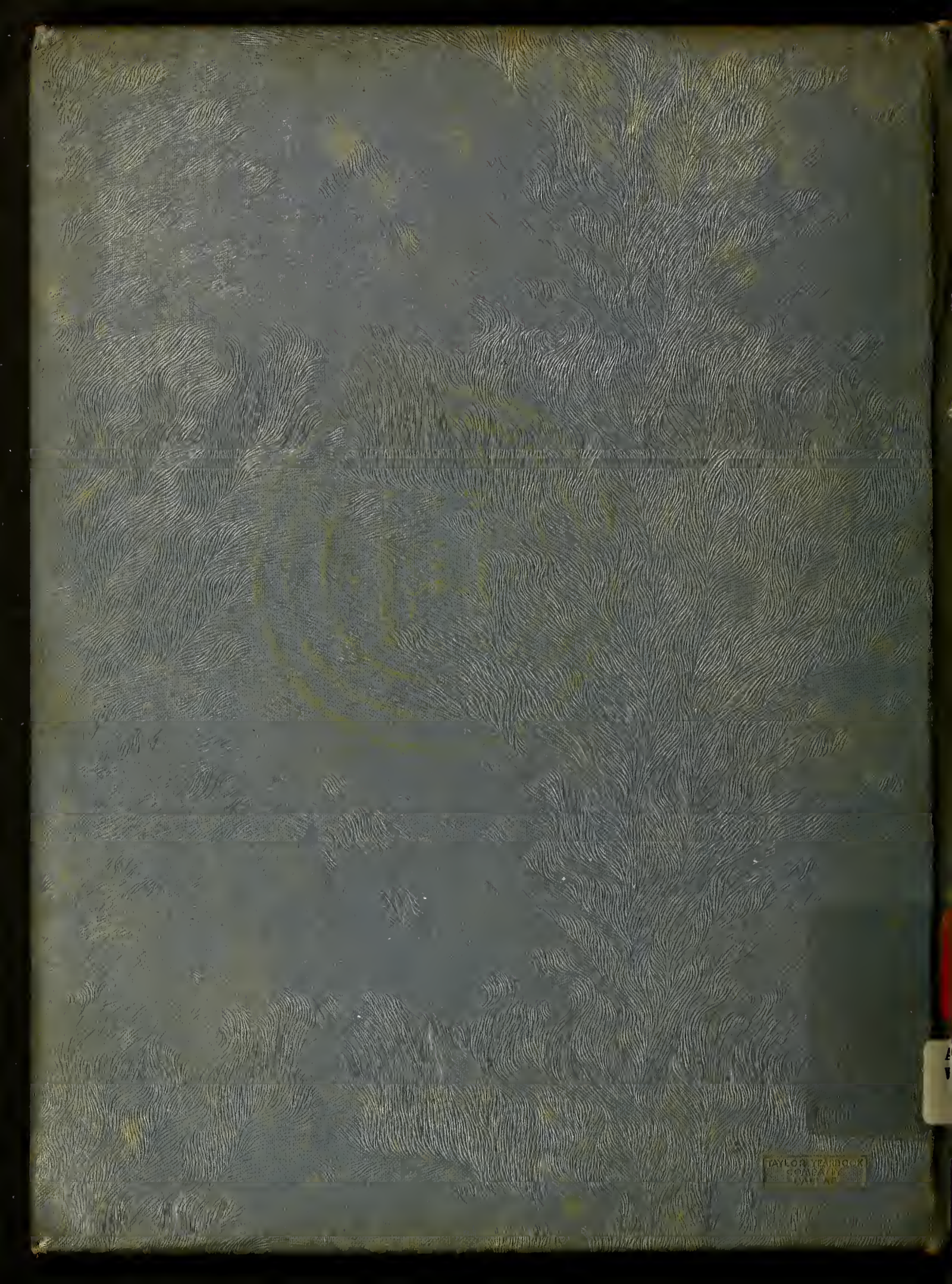
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